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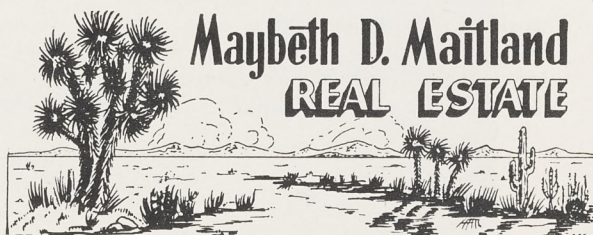
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Road Runner Route

At the northern terminus of the Roadrunner Route is the hamlet of Amboy. Here, the Roadrunner Route merges with the main cross-country highway, U.S. Route 66.

Amboy is primarily a tourist rest stop between the West Coast cities and Needles, California. Los Angeles is 213 miles to the Southwest; Bakersfield is 209 miles to the Northwest, while Needles is 76 miles in a North-easterly direction.

With an elevation of approximately 600 feet above sea level Amboy is dry and warm during most of the year. The air is clear and visibility is generally unlimited in all directions.

Large service stations capable of handling the smallest foreign car or the largest truck made make Amboy a fine rest area. There are two motels with a capacity of 80 units. Fine restaurants are readily available.

Just to the West of the community is situated the last known volcano to erupt in the Northern Hemisphere — the Amboy Crater. The volcano erupted some 600 years ago. For those desiring to observe the crater at first hand, there is an improved road to the vicinity of the crater's rim. Here a picnic area and parking space are available.

Descending from a lofty pass separating the Sheep Hole Mountains from the Bullion Mountains on the Roadrunner Route approximately 40 miles Northeast of Twentynine Palms, one views the vast expanse of Bristol Lake and the hamlet of Amboy.

The Bristol Lake area with an average elevation of 580 feet, has been known and used for centuries because of its unlimited deposits of calcium chloride and salt. The lake itself is dry on the surface but there is an abundance of water beneath its hard crust.

The Chemehuevi Indians were the first to make use of the vast salt deposits. It is believed that they used the salt as a preservative for their meats killed on hunting expeditions to the North.

The first known miners to process the deposits on the lake were commonly referred to as, "Mule Scrapers". During the early Nineteenth Century these miners brought mules to the area to scrape the deposits off the lake's surface and to haul the salt out.

Presently there are two corporations working the Bristol Lake area; the National Chloride Company of America, and the National Salt Company or the California Salt Company.

Located adjacent to the Roadrunner Route (Amboy Road) is the National Chloride Company of America. This company is interested in the calcium chloride deposits and owns the lower or southern section of the lake area.

Originated thirty years ago the National Chloride Company has six full-time employees. For employment contact: M. M. Stephens, 73598 Sunnyslope Drive, Twentynine Palms.

The National Salt Company (California Salt Company) is located on the upper or northern section of the lake, processing rock salt, salt and calcium chloride. This company has been located in the same area for the past forty-five years and employs approximately 75 people.

A trailer park is maintained for the employees of the National Salt Company approximately 13 miles along U.S. Route 66 towards Needles.

The solar (evaporative) salt is chiefly used as a water softener. The rock salt that is mined is employed as a livestock supplement.

In the vast reaches of the High Desert there are other known mineral deposits; as, copper, lead, silver and gold. None, however, are processed on as large a scale as the salt deposits.

Many rock enthusiasts enjoy this area because of the close proximity of the many different and varied types of stones that can be found; as jasper and celestite.

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MONEY

Has occupied the attention of man and influenced his work for countless centuries. It has taken many forms, served many uses, contributed much to the civilization of man.

MONEY AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO HISTORY

Federal Banking System, and the development and use of credit.

PRE-MONEY ERAS

He took what he needed, or he traded something else for what he needed. Even in the primitive ages helping himself at the expense of others was frowned upon, punishment was usually severe for those cavemen (shoplifters) thus began the barter and trade method. The average man might spend a lifetime and never see any money. Then a method of exchange (live money). He would barter his crops and animals for other foods and for clothing, and would pay the King's taxes in sheep, wheat, and horses. Another phrase from this era was (payment in kind).

ONE OF THE TESTS OF TRUE MONEY

Its scarcity. Salt as an Indian money form was packed in "Quills", Bamboo tubes, etc. of varying lengths and sizes according to the value of salts inside. The word "salary" comes in this ancient form of payment for service, in ciant form of payment for service, in sale Roman Soldiers were paid a "Solarium" salt money. Came the description of one's working place as "the salt mine" and/or "he is not worth his salt."

In the early days of Virginia, tobacco became so important a product that it actually was made legal currency by action of the Virginian Government. Then everyone began growing patches of "money" (tobacco) in his back yard, and inflation set in. (So let's not blame our present change of politics).

Holland went all out and the tulip bulbs were used in the exchange and was actually accepted export and import

The Spanish Conquistadores introduced the Spanish Dollar to America. The British exported shillings and pences to America. Some ingenious American cut the Spanish Dollar into eight bits and, two of these bits worth a quarter of a dollar, and four bits worth a half of a dollar. (Now a commonly used expression in trade).

American Indians created a useful and at that time an accepted exchange. (WAMPUM) beads, feathers, thongs, laboriously gathered and formed together and given in exchange for blankets, food, etc.

WHAT IS MONEY

Seems the Chinese first created money as we think of it today (coins and paper.) Must be fairly scarce, easy to handle, attractive to the eye, small enough to handle, available in multiple and recognized by at least two people, the buyer and the seller (that's a blow to Fort Knox).

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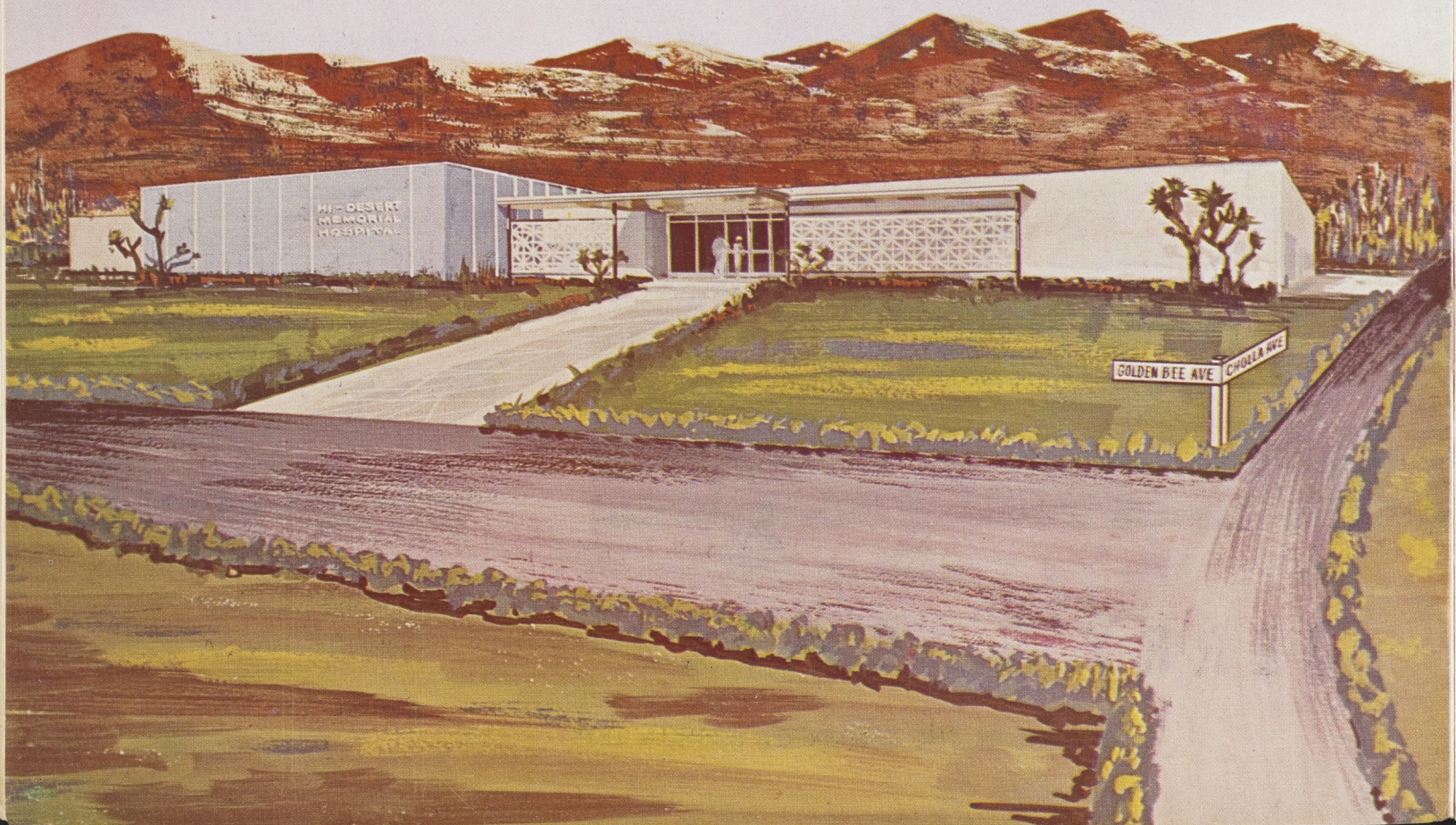
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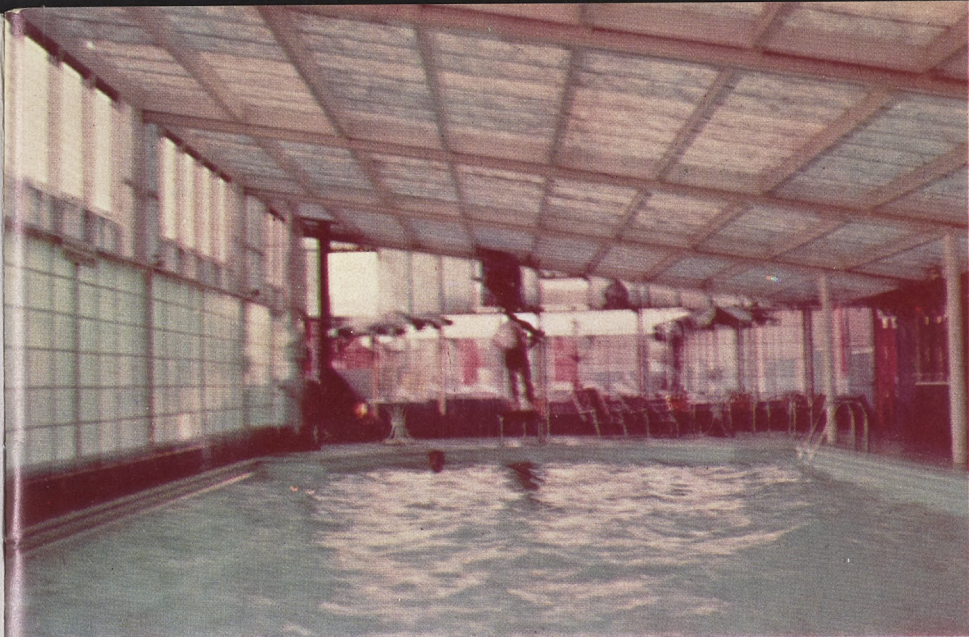
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Joshua Tree

Road Runner Route

Special events and gracious hosts greet all visitors to the community of Joshua Tree, which lies approximately midway between Twentynine Palms and Yucca Valley on the Roadrunner Route (29 Palms highway).

The community of Joshua Tree is at an elevation of between 2,780 and 3,000 feet, 125 miles east of Los Angeles. Coupled with its elevation is clean dry air and soft water making the community a health center for those suffering from arthritis, sinus disorders, asthma, and other respiratory ailments.

As the scenic gateway to many of the Joshua Tree National Monument's most outstanding features, it is a popular headquarters for many vacationers, cabin owners, and week-end campers.

Adopting the town name from the 'Mormon named' Joshua tree that prevail in this area of the High Desert, Joshua Tree is the only community in the world which sponsors an "Annual Turtle Race".

The National Turtle Races held during the first weekend of May is an affair that attracts many visitors from far and wide. During April the roundup of the turtles commence. These creatures of the desert are penned, fed, and cared for prior to the races. Immediately after the races these mammals, according to law, are released to their natural habitat for another year of romping and roaming.

Although the population of this community as in any desert community cannot be counted accurately, the U.S. Post Office serves approximately 3,500 people.

The community is equipped with street lights, and also maintains a fire truck and ambulance. The California Recreation and Park Commission supports the community park.

There are numerous civic, social, and service organizations active within the community, as; the Federated Women's Club, the V.F.W., American Legion, and a Sportsmen's Club.

The Sportsmen's Club consists of men who maintain the local athletic field and sponsor sports activities for the youth of Joshua Tree.

There are ten motels with a room capacity of 75 within the community. Restaurants are available and are readily accessible from the motels.

Schools include an elementary school in Joshua Tree itself, with other grades commuting to Twentynine Palms and Yucca Valley. The Morongo

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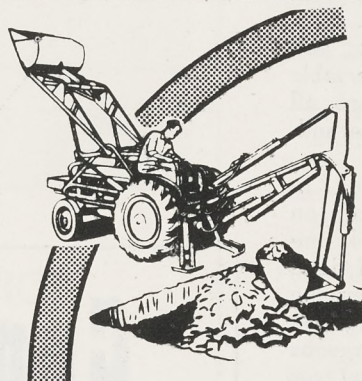
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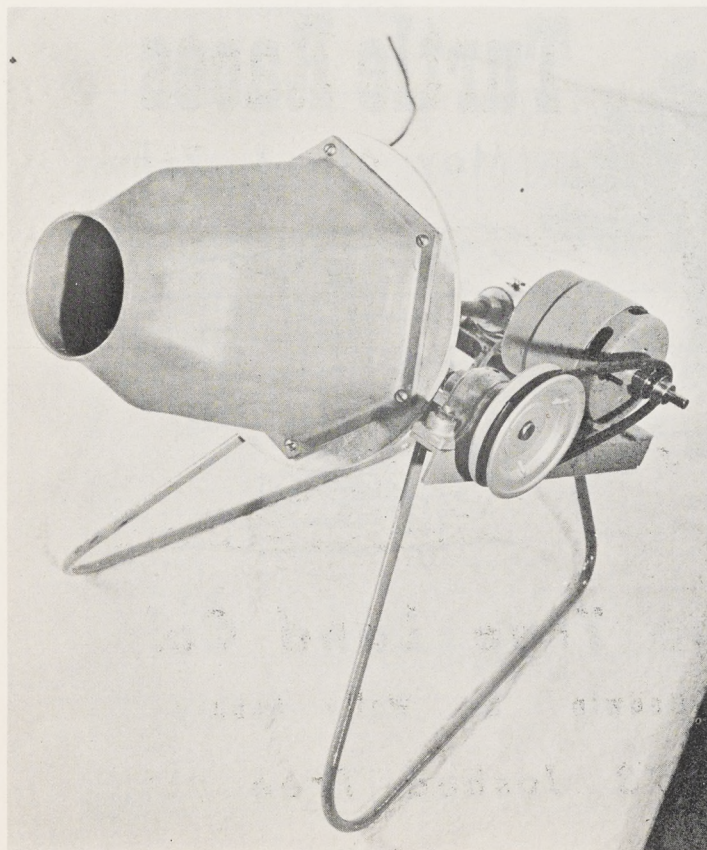
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Artists have continually tried to capture this picture of grandeur on canvas, but have found the task impossible, due to the changing of light, deceptive distances, and late afternoon shadows. The rapid color changes at sunset would outdo the most gorgeous of all rainbows. One seeing actual true color photographs taken by camera (not having seen the view for himself) would feel certain that the prints had been retouched in color considerable. To try to describe the panoramic view, one would find that words were inadequate for expression.

As this spectrum of beauty dies in a flame of its own making, the quiet, tranquil peace gives the viewer that wholesome feeling that they have just been fortunate, to be a little closer to God and his heavenly lands. With the day coming to an end, and you linger on awhile, the sky takes on a new cloak of beauty, with the Moon shining in all its glory and the Stars coming out in profusion, lighting up the sky for another breathtaking view. Against this new light the Joshua trees, Jnnipers, Manzanitas, and Cactus stand out in weird relief. And again, you can enjoy the unbelievable beauty of an ever changing wonderland.

It is God's wonders to behold, and you owe it to yourself to view it, since it is impossible to attempt to describe such a view. Consider this your personal invitation. You are welcome to enjoy all of the above and more, at JOSHUA TREE — the scenic entrance to the JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL MONUMENT.

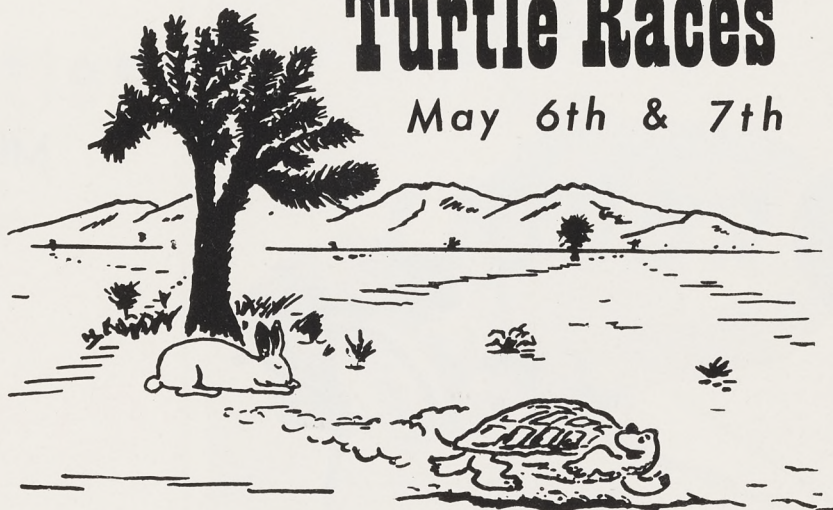
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TURTLE RACES

You can only see these in Joshua Tree, California, an annual event and this is its 16th year.

The time is drawing near, May 6 and 7.

The turtles are already beginning to talk about it. They usually stay in winter hibernation until April, but if you watch in the early hours and late evenings you will see the fast moving sands streak across the desert and you will know they are in early spring training. They take this challenge seriously and are striving to reach the pink of condition. More imports have been coming each year and expert trainers have imported turtles with hot-house treatments. The native desert turtle will not be outdone and from his earlier conditioning we know that the fastest turtles ever to be released on the race track are those of local origin.

The local drug companies, report an upsurge in the sale of turpentine, carbon dioxide, go-fast and other prohibited starter ingredients. The Pinkerton crews have been alerted to this condition and by close supervision the event will be held to strict adherence of the ethics of good, clean turtle races.

We feel that you will enjoy your trip to this wonderland of Hi Desert beauty, and that your coming out to the event will save you much embarrassment if your grandchildren ask you if you have ever seen a good professional turtle race. Many other features of entertainment have been arranged for your pleasure over the two day event so that you will relax and enjoy one continual round of pleasure.

A word of warning, the motel reservations are already coming in so act now.

Many floats are in the parade planning, school bands, dancing girls, Marine Color Corps, bands, bands, bands and beautiful girls, noted horse parades, mounted troops, burros, trained donkeys and miles of interesting action.



Joshua Tree National Monument

Road Runner Route

Ranging in altitude from 1,000 feet to nearly 6,000 feet the Joshua Tree National Monument offers the tourist a view of a typical desert area, unmarred by civilization, where plants and animals have adopted peculiar habits in order to survive.

The Monument which lies partly in San Bernardino County and mostly in Riverside County is rapidly becoming an important recreation area of Southern California. Established on August 10, 1936, it has a gross area of 557,000 acres or 870 square miles. Lying within the boundaries of both the Mojave and Colorado Deserts the Monument preserves the symbols of a bygone age.

to determine the age of the tree since its trunk is not composed of the usual annual rings. Belief has it that the migrating Mormons gave this yucca the name of Joshua tree because of its upstretched limbs or arms.

Scattered throughout the Monument are the paloverde, manzanita, pinyon, live oak, juniper, ocotillo, desertwillow, indigobush, smokethorn, mesquite, catclaw, colorful cactus, and an abundance of small bushes and shrubs.

April and May are the best months to observe this wonder of nature, the wildflower display. On the lower elevations it is possible to see this display from March through June.

the Tortoise which is protected outside the Monument too. No firearms may be used for any purpose within the Monument area.

There are numerous camp and picnic sites to accommodate the many visitors. There are seven free campgrounds with tables, fireplaces, and toilets. Water and firewood must be brought in. Camping is limited to the designated areas, but picnics may be held anywhere as long as no fires are built and no trash is left.

Camping is pleasant all summer as temperatures drop approximately 3½ degrees for each 1,000 feet in elevation. Nights in mid-winter may be just a little cool for camping.

The Monument is best approached on U.S. Routes 60, 70, 99 to a point 15 miles East of Banning and then to Joshua Tree or Twentynine Palms and the northern entrance.

From U.S. Route 66 turn South at Amboy and follow the Roadrunner Route 50 miles to Twentynine Palms.

From the South enter the Monument from U.S. Route 60, 70 via Cottonwood Springs or the Southern entrance.

The main roads throughout the Monument are of a good desert construction, most of them have an oiled surface.

Monument Headquarters is located at the east end of the famed Oasis of Mara from which Twentynine Palms takes its name. The headquarter's mailing address is: Post Office Box 875, Twentynine Palms, California.

Possibly the most outstanding scenic place in the Monument is the Salton Sea View. From an elevation of 5,185 feet, there is an unforgettable sight as the land below unfolds. On a clear day there are spectacular views of the San Jacinto Escarpment, the San Gorgonio Mountains, the renowned date gardens of the Coachella Valley, and the well known San Andreas Fault, source of many earthquakes.

Other popular sections of the Monument are located in Queen and Lost Horse Valleys. The whole high plateau through which the road travels is dominated by great piles of monzonite. On the road to Salton View is Split Rock,



Photo - C. H. Trowler

Much of its desert vegetation is rare. Among these varied species of desert life is the Joshua tree (praying tree), possibly the most spectacular plant on the western desert. Attaining a height of approximately 40 feet, the Joshua Tree belongs to the lily family. In the Spring white blossoms abound in clusters 8 to 14 inches long at the ends of heavy, erratic branches. It is difficult

Among the animals to be found within the Monument are Bighorn Sheep, Mule Deer, Coyote, an occasional Cougar, Badger, Desert Fox and many rodents. More than 230 species of birds have been identified at the Oasis and in the Monument proper. Many of these are migrants.

No animal may be taken or disturbed in the Monument. This includes

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Hats off to the "Marines" for their Contribution to the Communities

C. H. Trowler



Administration Building Twentynine Palms Marine Base.

If classified as an industry, the Marine Corps Base would be number one in the Hi-Desert. According to the facts and figures published by the Marines, they spent more than 34 million dollars last year for such items as six million dollars worth of new construction on the Base. Over 12 million for transportation of Marines and their equipment, the civilian payroll for the more than 300 civil service employees amounts to \$1,800,000 a year. (Operating costs for the Base ran more than two and a half million. The military payroll amounts to approximately eleven and a half million annually.)

In addition to the monetary effect the Marine Corps has on the Hi-Desert, the men and their families have taken a very active interest in community affairs. You will find Marines serving on the Voluntary Fire Department, in the town's recreation program and the Search and Rescue Posse.

The local PTA boasts that Marine families are very active within the local School District.

Brigadier General Lewis J. Fields, the Commanding General of the Base, has placed special emphasis on the Marines and their families participation in community affairs.

The recent Angel View Crippled Children's Foundation drive is a good example. The Base Teen Club nominated a member to run as a "Teen Angel" and to solicit funds for the Desert Hot Springs Foundation. The Commissioned Officers' Club, the Staff NCO Club and the Enlisted Club all held dances for the foundation. The Marines held a Barbecue and Fish Fry. Wives baked cakes and cookies to be sold for the foundation. One Marine and his dog walked from the Marine Base to Palm Springs, visiting the various communities along the way to solicit funds.

Another project undertaken by the Marines at Twentynine Palms was out of the local area but still here on the Hi-Desert. The Engineer Company located on the Marine Base undertook the project of widening one of the fire access roads in the San Bernardino Mountains near Big Bear. The Marines set up a base camp above Pioneertown and lived right on the job. The project not only benefited the community but also provided an outstanding training exercise for the Leathernecks.

Because of the location of Twentynine Palms and the fact that it is in a semi-isolated area, the Marines have been called at times to assist in medical evacuation of civilians who require immediate medical attention not available in the local community.

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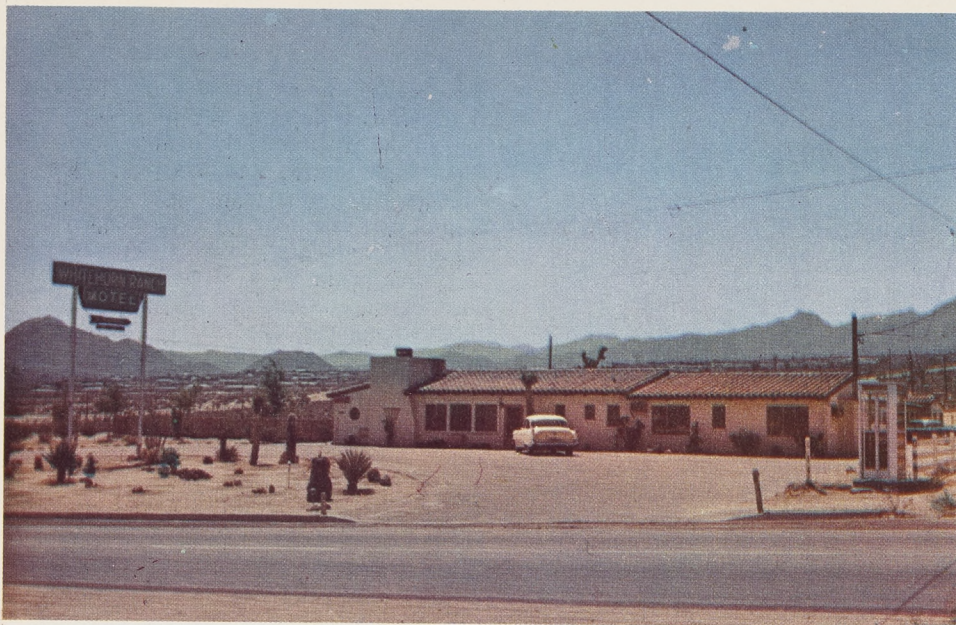


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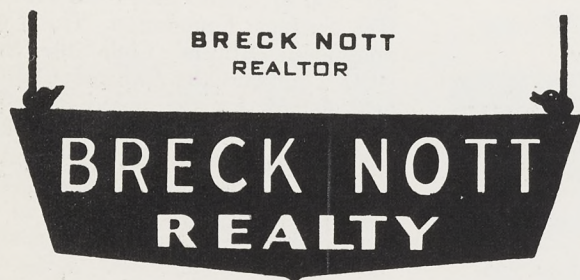
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The Naval Medical facilities on the Base are available to the civilian in case of a disaster and until recently, the Navy Doctors were permitted to augment the medical profession in the Hi-Desert.

When the call went out for volunteer fire fighters during the Angeles National Forest Fire last year, the Marine Corps Base responded with men and equipment that worked round-the-clock for more than a week. Marines would

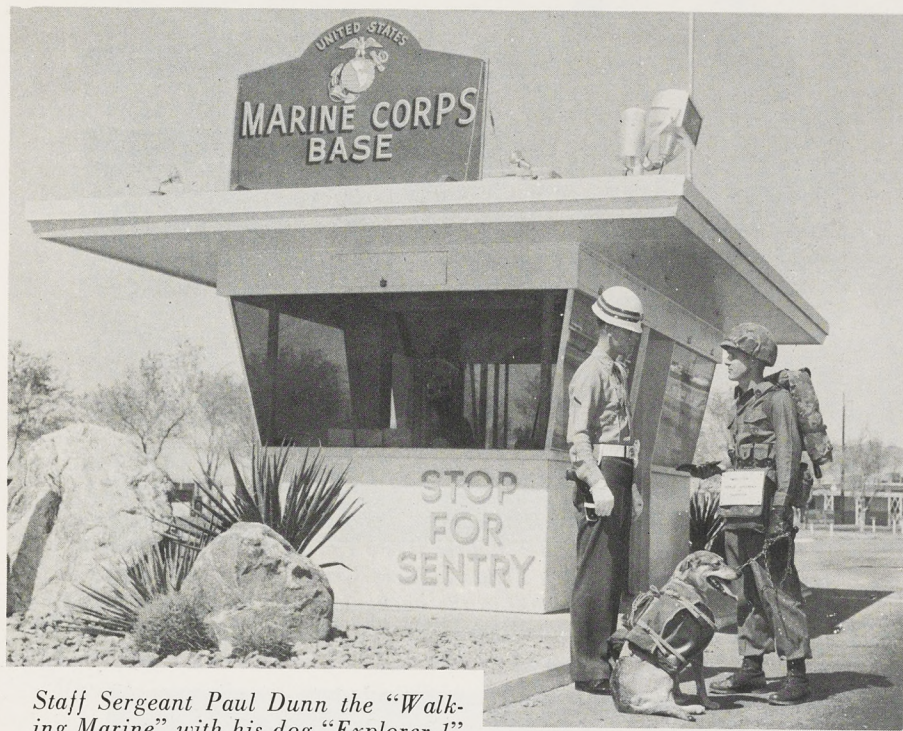
complete their regular duties on the Base, mount trucks for the fire and spend as many as two days and nights on the fire line before returning to their own jobs on the Base.

The Marine Corps Base's 40-piece marching band is a familiar sight to parade watchers in the Southern California area. The band has received invitations to all the major parades and functions in the area and has over 60 trophies to prove their ability.

In addition to the Base Band, the Marines have a Mounted Color Guard that appears at many parades in the area. The Guard, now over two years old, recently acquired all palomino horses and the first time they used them, won the top prize at the Palm Springs Desert Circus parade.

Marines themselves might be classified as "temporary" residents of the Hi-Desert, but one thing for sure, the Leathernecks have made a fine impression on the public here in the Morongo Valley. Some stay for only a few months, others for several years and quite a few have retired from the Marine Corps and remained right in the community of Twentynine Palms.

The Hi-Desert can be proud of their association with the Marine Corps Base, just as the Marines of the Base are proud of their participation in the community of Twentynine Palms.



Staff Sergeant Paul Dunn the "Walking Marine" with his dog "Explorer I" on their 65 mile jaunt from the Twentynine Palms Marine Base to Palm Springs.

Last New Year's night, Karl Schapel, 82, a desert miner suffered the loss of his home and all his possessions by fire. Together with more than 200 civilians from Twentynine Palms, Marines from the Base held an old fashion house-raising. Over 40 Marines including the Commanding General pitched in and in one day completed the 82-year-old's new home. The men and women from the Base and the town of Twentynine proved that the old spirit of friendliness hasn't disappeared from the Western scene and everyone concerned at the house-raising concurred that a wonderful time was had by all.

One of the facilities located on the Marine Base is a short-wave "HAM" radio station. Used both for recreation and training, the "HAM" station participated in an attempted rescue of three college students lost in the Gulf of Mexico below Baja, California. While monitoring the short wave lengths, the Marines picked up distress signals from the three students. The three radiomen regularly assigned to the "HAM" station stayed on the air for 16 hours in an attempt to direct other rescue efforts of the students.



GOOD INVESTMENT

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But in Joshua Tree we have something better than a GOLD MINE. Here the nuggets are exposed before you start to dig, so come on up and let us show you.



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LANDSCAPING MARINES — Master Sergeant William W. Shirley (Left foreground) helps Lance Corporal Robert R. Leath (with pick) and other member of the Detachment, First Force Service Regiment clear away rocks and other debris while Corporal B. I. Lucero of Headquarter Battery, First Field Artillery Group places the removals in a wheel barrow. The house in the background is a three-room home replacing the old one which was destroyed by fire New Year's Eve.

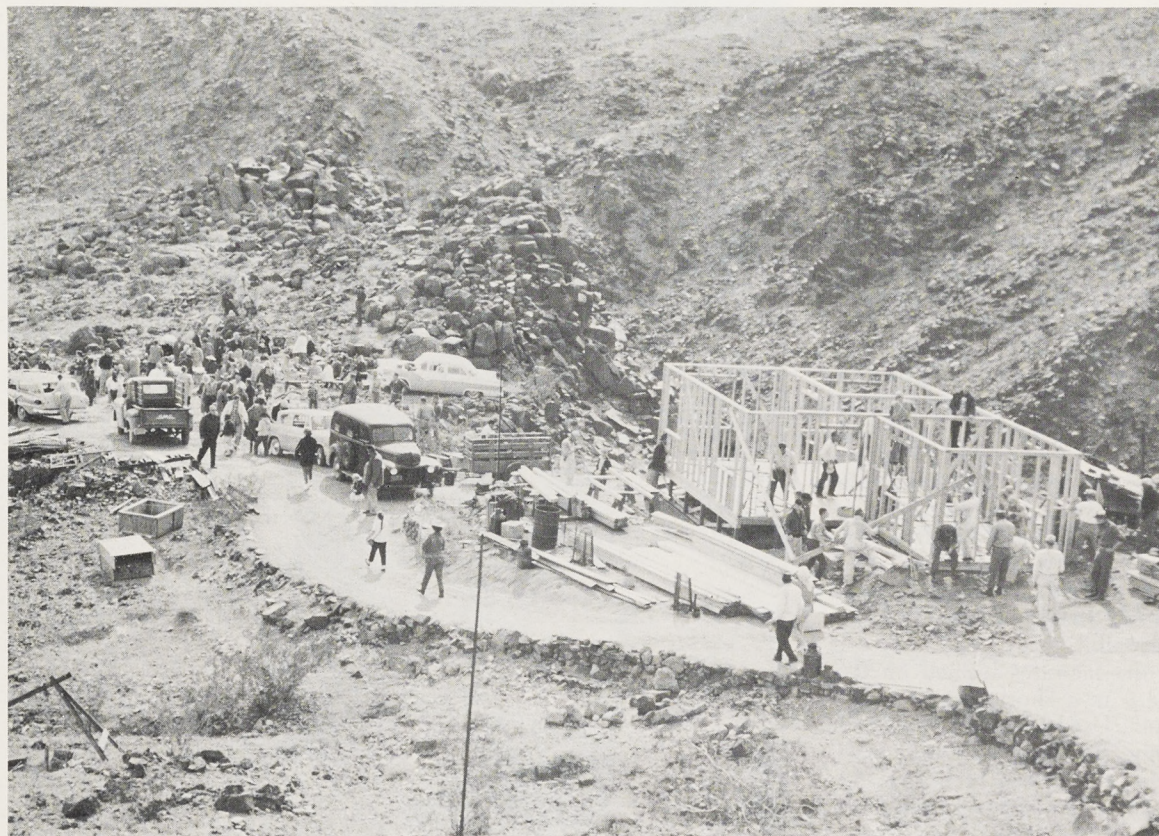


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BIRD'S EYE VIEW — Among the vast mountain range overlooking the Pinto Basin area of the Mojave Desert, approximately 400 civilians and Marines of Marine Corp Base, Twentynine Palms, California busy themselves Sunday, January 29 in restoring the living quarters of Karl Schapel, 83-year-old owner and operator of the Golden Egg Mine. The visitors helped the German-born miner after hearing that his house was destroyed by fire New Year's Eve.



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SOCIAL TIME — While the visitors were enjoying either barbequed beef or pork, a social circle forms around Karl Scapel (wearing miner's cap) who is the center of all talk as nearly 400 civilians and Marines from the Marine Corps Base, Twentynine Palms, California help restore his living quarters which were destroyed by fire New Year's Eve at his Golden Egg Gold Mine near Twentynine Palms.



TIME OUT FOR CHOW—With everyone seeming to be saying, "Mmmmm," these Marines settle down among the rocks for their noontime meal. They had their choice of pork or beef, both of which were barbequed overnight, and scores of salads, vegetable dishes and desserts.

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NATL. MONUMENT ROUTE

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a giant granite boulder knifed in two large sections. Hidden valley is in the Wonderland of Rocks also on the road to the Salton View. Legend has it that rustlers once used this completely enclosed valley as a hideout. Cottonwood Springs is an oasis where there is sufficient water for palms, cottonwoods, and animal life. From here, there is an easy trail to Lost Palms Canyon where Desert Bighorn are sometimes seen.

Another popular place of interest is Indian Cove, just off 29 Palms Highway. Here there are many campsites and picnic areas. Not far from the cove is the trail that leads to 49 Palms oasis.

Motorists are advised to inquire at Monument headquarters as to the passability of roads for "highway" cars. Caution should be used at all times and especially when leaving paved roads.





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JOSHUA ROAD ROUTE

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Unified School District provides the bus transportation.

Two electric companies provide service to the area; California Electric to the community and for tract owners, Desert Electric Co-op service is available. Tract owners include those people who own land parcels generally away from the immediate community.

Churches include a Baptist and a Community Methodist church. Other places of worship are available in Yucca Valley and Twentynine Palms.

Each year during the Labor Day week-end the Joshua Tree Chapter (Epsilon Delta) of Beta Sigma Phi sponsors a Gay Nineties Revue. This is the highlight of the fall social season.

Noted as a community that works together, Joshua Tree holds an annual Christmas Pageant which is presented by the townspeople on the three nights before Christmas.

The pageant tells the story of Christ and is accomplished in three scenes, each of which is set on the side of a desert knoll. Autos may park below, allowing viewers to remain in their cars to see the pageant.

The desert holds many hidden discoveries yet to be found. Just at the southern edge of Joshua Tree can be found "Coyote Hole". Here, there are hyroglyphics made by Indians of this area hundreds of years ago.



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Christmas Pageant in the Desert

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World travelers who have seen the wonder places of the world, and who have been fortunate enough to have witnessed the pageantries enacted in many lands, reported, the Christmas pageant of Joshua Tree, which was shown on last December 18th to December 24th, as an outstanding and extraordinary production.

Thousands of spectators heard the

story of the Christ Child, and saw the portrayal of the Bible History as known throughout the Christian World.

The outdoor setting for the production was on a hillside and was in full view of all who were seated in their parked cars in the specially arranged parking area.

The production was shown in the

evening, commencing at 7:30 p.m. when darkness had descended on the Desert land. There were a series of (sets) stages placed on a sloping hillside directly in front of the arranged parking area. The area was lighted by a controlled flood lighting system, which gave all the spectators a clear view of the setting.

Before the program commenced, great fountains of water were visible, made possible through the use of many multi colored flood lamps, and directional spot lights, directed upwards to catch the spray effects of the water sprays.

To enable the spectators to hear the entire program, loud speaker systems were installed on the hillside.

The sound of Christmas music was heard throughout the outdoor amphitheatre. At 7:30 promptly, the parking area flood lights were turned off and the various stage settings became visible in order. The choir members were dressed in beautiful white robes, the choir director in a black robe. The stage lighting was supplemented with heat lights for the comfort of the performers. The choir director was also the production director. As he narrated the Christmas story in sequence and the choir sang, the scene of one stage was darkened and the next in order was lit. The performers in each stage had a specific part to act and each was dressed in costumes befitting the role.

As the pageant comes to an end, it is their sincere hope that it has brought the true Christmas spirit closer to our hearts; and that we will strive to keep Christ in Christmas.



Princess Beverly Hoffman Queen Charlotte Kissinger Princess Pat Moore



OFFICIAL PROGRAM

National Turtle Race Association

SATURDAY, MAY 6th, 1961

- 10:00 A.M.** — Parade assembles West of Joshua Tree on access road south of and parallel with 29 Highway.
- 10:30 A.M.** — Judging begins — Classification numbering — point system employed. Official Judge M. W. Minton.
- 11:00 A.M.** — Parade starts — entering 29 Highway at intersection of Sunset Continues East on 29 Highway to Sunburst then North on Sunburst to the Sportsman Club.
- 12:00 A.M.** — During final judging lunch will be served — inspected licensed Chuck Wagons — Cafes near by downtown.
- 12:30 P.M.** — Official opening, Flag raising & Star Spangled Banner
- 1:00 P.M.** — First Race — New season Maidens (NO CLAIMING)
- 1:30 P.M.** — Second Race — Two Year Olds, Monument Special.
- 2:00 P.M.** — Third Race — Gaited turn about handicap
- 2:30 P.M.** — Fourth Race — Open Range Jumpers
- 3:00 P.M.** — Fifth Race — Marathon Oldies
- 3:30 P.M.** — Sixth Race — Rockie Rough Riders
- 4:00 P.M.** — Seventh Race — Visiting Free Loaders
- 4:30 P.M.** — Eighth Race — Five Acre Trip Tease
- 5:00 P.M.** — Ninth Race — Walking Crew Tired and Re-Tired
- Keep track of your winners to enter THE GRAND NATIONAL**
- 8:00 P.M.** — Coonation of the Queen

SPORTSMAN HALL GOOD MUSIC
TURTLE QUEEN CORONATION DANCE 8:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, MAY 7th, 1961

- 10:00 A.M.** — First Race — Eager Beaver Early Risers
- 10:30 A.M.** — Second Race — Parimutuel Upset
- 11:00 A.M.** — Third Race — All American Smog Burners
- 11:30 A.M.** — Fourth Race — Sun Fair Hard Backs
- 12:00 A.M.** — Time Out for Lunch — Amusements, Exhibits
- 1:00 P.M.** — Panorama Daily DOUBLE
- 1:30 P.M.** — Cafe Escapees Wobble Offs)
- 2:00 P.M.** — Seventh Race — Mesa Wanderers
- 2:30 P.M.** — Eighth Race — Copper Mounts Invincibles
- 3:00 P.M.** — Ninth Race — Hitch Hikers Special
- 3:30 P.M.** — Grand National Sweepstake winners from all races can enter. Winner takes home a beautiful Trophy.
- 7:00 P.M.** — Professional Square Dancing — Open to the Public.

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Portrait of Wm. "Bill" Key's

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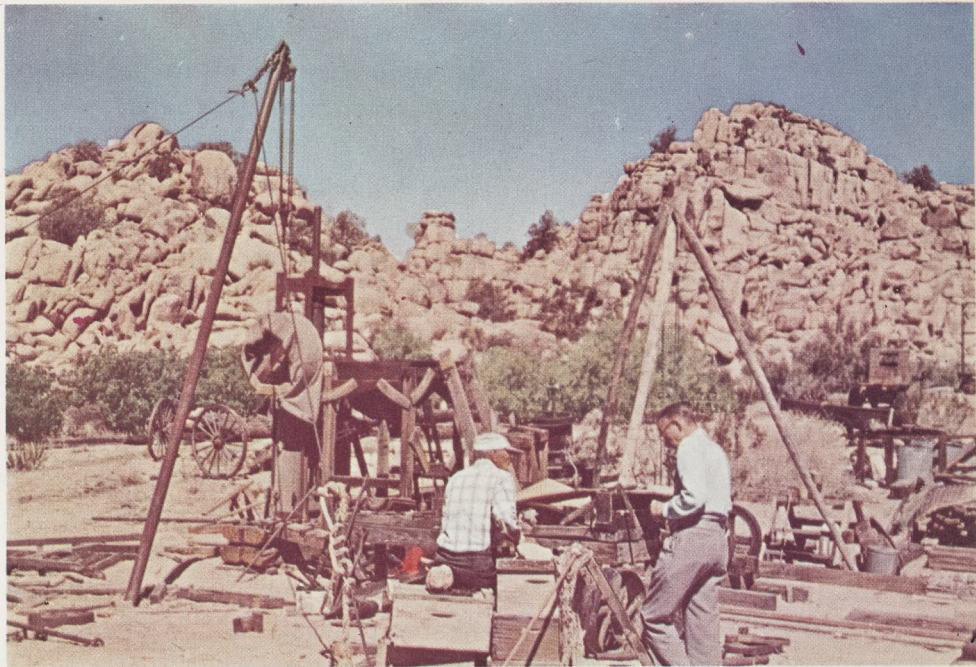
Wm. "Bill" Keys Gold Mill

George Elliott

Between and during all of the Turtle races, Carnival, Rides, Pictures, Games, etc. the most outstanding exhibit ever attempted, a full and complete Gold refining mill. Burrow pack trains, the old ore wagons, rock and quartz displays, etc.

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Syndicated writers, magazines, T.V. productions. Members of Science, Physicists, Metallurgists, Newspapers, Press and Film of every field, have been contacted, and will be present, to watch and report on this spectacular undertaking.



Key's (oldtimer) Mill

Photo - C. H. Trowler



Key's view now known as Salton View

Photo - C. H. Trowler

The non-believers are coming to have these above statements proven. The shock of its truth and the element of surprise will be good for their skeptic souls in this world of too much doubt.

All who know Bill Keys and appreciate him, are many and loyal to him. They at least know that the entire enterprise step by step and on to the final assay will be 100% genuine. What an unheard of opportunity.

Yes bring your cameras and come early. It breaks our hearts to see so much given for free.

Look in the Valley Brochure for the more detailed and pictured proof of this enormous undertaking.

The editors of the Valley Brochure feel so strongly and stirringly moved over Bill Keys' willingness to assemble and operate this antiquated milling machinery to help make your two day desert event more interesting, for all of the visitors in Joshua Tree during the National Turtle race meeting. They have gone all out for space for Bill.

Think of it, Mr. and Mrs. Keys have more than 60 years living in the desert and mountain pioneer living.

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By Gwen Keys

In the heart of Morongo Basin
Is a little desert town
Its name was taken from the Joshua Trees
That grow for miles around.
Its people are warmhearted
They will tell you their 'success'
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Numbered Roads

Monuments of the Gods

BY FRED R. ARCHER



Photo by G. Elliott

Not so long ago, before the popularity of the automobile had gained its tremendous momentum, the desert byways and trails were virtually untrodden by mankind, except for the native Indians and a few lonely prospectors. The Indians learned to love this desert land with a reverence born from the beauty and bigness of it all, which they could not understand. The early prospectors, following the Indian trails, learned its greatness, its hardness and its beauty; learned to know it, hate it and love it.

As late as the early nineteen hundreds one could find gathered around the old adobe ranch house at Whitewater, on the road to Indio, a group of hardy prospectors, packing their burros and getting ready for jaunts into the desert hills beyond. Today there are to be found groups of travelers with every make of automobile clustered around the garage and eating house, not far from the old ranch, getting ready for drives over roads into the same country, making trips in a day that took the adventurers of old weeks of arduous toil.

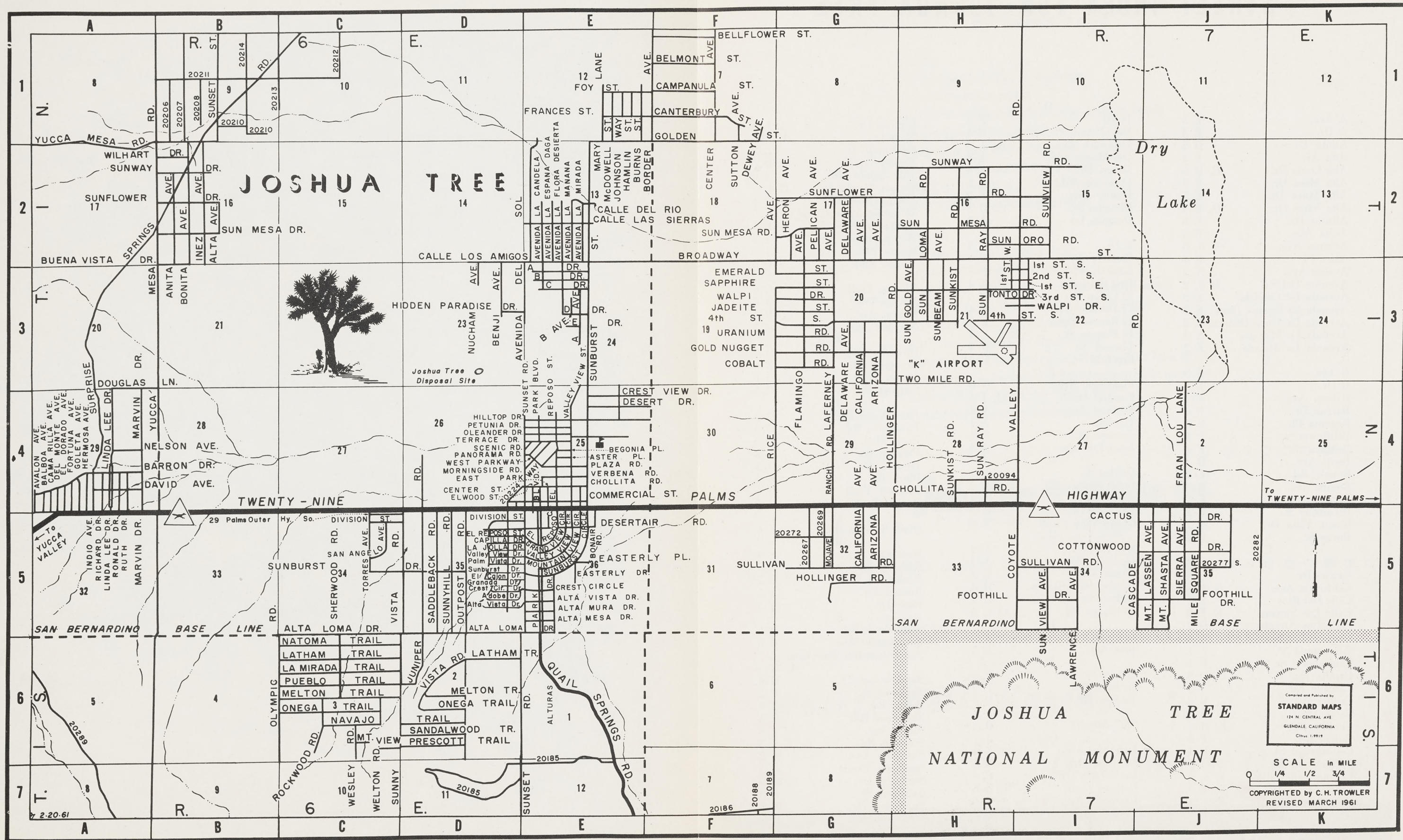
The desert of old with its tragedies and hardships has given way to the hand of progress, and now invites the motorists to share in its beauties and its many and diverse pleasures.

To the motorist who enjoys the beauty and wonders of nature's building, the quietness and peace of getting away from the humdrum of the city; to the ones who wish to breathe the clean, pure air as the Maker intended it for man; to these, the Colorado Desert of California beckons.

Stopping, as did the adventurers of old, at Whitewater, to make sure every thing is ready, the modern adventurer fills the tank, checks the oil, water and tires, sees that the emergency kits on the side are filled, and is ready to start adventure-bound over the roads made by wagons driven by intrepid farmers who followed the trails marked by the burros and their masters, in their search for the precious metals; who in turn followed the trails made by the mocassined feet of the Indians in search of food and water, trod the trails marked by the antelope, the coyote and their four-footed ilk, who in turn followed their feathered brothers of the air to the water holes of this silent wide expanse.

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All of the good and all of the bad that goes with it. Loved by all who know them for what they are and what they stand for.

A copy of the Valley Brochure will be mailed to the President of the United States of America. To certain judges, to many attorneys. Watch the name of Bill Keys meet him with great humility. WE feel that he has lived far beyond all of us. We do hope that you enjoy and appreciate his endeavor to increase your day.

P.S. — We forgot to explain the reason for the addition to our mailing list. We only hope that a very busy government might pause long enough to remember our Democracy. At least, if we cannot get all we want, we feel that the name of Salton View should be changed back to "Keys' View" in honor of the man who founded the site and named it originally.

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MONUMENTS OF THE GODS

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of "The Devil's Garden." Here the road dips and turns, climbs up through the Morongo Pass and into the Morongo Valley, passes Warren's Ranch and Warren's Well, where the staunch old teamster of the Chuchawalla Trail settled down to rest, and years ago wrested a ranch from the desert ground, there twisting through a forest of giant Joshua trees, weird, grotesque and picturesque against the sky, finally arrives at the little desert oasis of Twentynine Palms where the road branches left to Amboy and right to White Tanks, Cottonwood Springs and Mecca.

As the road passes beyond the Joshua forest it approaches a hill seemingly made of peanut brittle candy. To the right branches a road to Quail Springs, Keys Ranch, Pinon Well and to Cold Coin and Lost Horse mines. This is the road to wonderland but as it runs uphill most of the way it is easier to go around via Twentynine Palms and come out over this road.

Keeping on the main road one is enthralled at the vista that soon appears in the distance. The pale blue and purple mountains far ahead belong to the Mojave Desert and the valley we have traveled over is the dividing line between this and the Colorado Desert.



Photo by G. Elliott

Tap Root Nat'l Monument

A few small dots of green in the distance slowly grow until they are distinguishable as palm trees. So this is Twentynine Palms! Disappointing perhaps, with its few buildings closed and only a few of the original palms left, but the place that once was a welcome sight to the tired prospector still affords the traveler a haven of rest and quiet and is not without interest. Here underneath the trees we pitch our tent and rest for the day to come.

As late as 1915 when such mining camps as Dale were still buzzing with excitement there was always "quite a crowd" here, as the old desert men will tell you, but since the abandonment of most of these ventures all is quiet save for the occasional motorist who ventures forth in quest of new fields to explore.

The smell of our coffee soon brings us a visitor in the form of an old prospector who is camped nearby. He looks every bit as we had pictured the prospector of old except that his trusty burro has given way to a rusty flivver, which he vows is every bit as stubborn as any burro that ever lived, "but it sure do git over the road." He remains to "dinner" and entertains us with yarns of the country round about. He tells us that the old ghost city of Dale, sixteen miles away, which has lain in silent uselessness since the day the population walked out, leaving everything as if they were coming back that night, is once more being populated; that the Aladdin mine in a nearby canyon has been reopened, and the old buildings at Dale are being moved to this new location.

While he is talking, twilight settles down and the mountains in the distance slowly change color and fade away as the setting sun caps Old Grayback, 54 miles away, with a rosy crown. One by one the stars come out until the sky is a myriad of small lights. We who have lived in the city all of our lives never know the beauty of the stars until we gaze on them through the clear atmosphere of the desert night. The old prospector bids us "good night," and soon the moon peeps over the mountains and floods the landscape with silvery softness as we lay rolled in our blankets, scarcely whispering in the magnitude of it all until finally we doze off, watching the moon flickering behind the palm leaves over-head.

It seems no time at all until we awaken to see the pale green horizon slowly turning to pink and thence to gold as the dawn of another day be-

gins with beauty equal to the passing of the one before. We may be surprised that the hands of our watches are somewhere near 4 o'clock, but we are anxious for the treasures this day will bring forth and soon the fragrance of bacon and coffee fills the air.

Near the palm trees are evidences of the old mining activity of this district. The old stamp mill and cyanide tank and a queer old washer arrangement on small wheels, all abandoned and rusty, are silent sentinels of a day gone by.

The road to White Tanks turns to the right and passing the old stamp mill staggers up the grade towards the hills, finally arriving at a point of broken brown rock where it forks, one branch running ahead over the hill and the other turning to the left past a pile of white quartz which has been blasted out and which perhaps blasted someone's hopes with it. We turn and take the road to the left and follow around the hill, coming upon a few buildings above which are the rigging and dump cars of another mine. All is quiet, no one about; abandoned it stands, the shattered dream of many stockholders; just another gamble that lost.

A short distance from here near the bed of a wide dry stream the road

again forks and is marked by the boundary sign of Riverside and San Bernardino counties. This Automobile Club of Southern California sign is a landmark by which the desert folk give directions, for the country beyond is interwoven with a network of wagon tracks resembling roads wherein one might easily become lost. To be safe you are always told to start at the county sign; to the left to White Tanks and Mecca; to the right to Keys Ranch, Quail Springs and the Morongo Valley.

Taking the road to the left we soon find ourselves in the land of the great white rocks. Cropping up on all sides are great heaps of white boulders piled high by some queer prank of nature and formed into shapes and forms beyond the description of man.

The road winds past castles of rock, great citadels and balanced rocks seeming ready to topple at the least breath. On the left of the road we pass a small stone bridge in the making, years of erosion have gradually separated it from its mother stone. At the right a great ball of rock rests on the very edge of a flat shelf. Ahead is a large group looking like a herd of elephants lying at rest in the center of which two great bulls are rubbing heads.

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At the left of this group is a queer formation that looks for all the world like a "poor houn'dawg." On the opposite side of this group there is a flat place free from cactus and greasewood where we can safely leave the road and park the car without danger of punctures. For those who have started early and have time to reach this spot by dusk, this makes a wonderful camping spot, much cooler than camping at Twentynine Palms. However, this is a matter of choice, for I have seen ice on the water buckets at Twentynine Palms.

Parking the car here we walk to the left up a dry stream bed amidst a field of towering rocks of all descriptions. The dry wash divides into three branches, the center one bringing us to White Tanks, a pool of water formed by a small dam between two rocks which catches the rain and stores it for use in dry weather. This is one of the many tanks scattered over the desert to save the cattle from thirst during the dry years. Parched cattle bones nearby lend mute evidence to the tragedy of a dry year.

Taking the wash that branches to the left one winds around above the tanks and discovers a natural stone bridge of no small size from which a wonderful view of the surrounding country is to be seen. To the right is a perfect rococo in rock, great slabs in perfect formation like a giant pack of cards fallen over.

From White Tank the motorist has two choices—to continue on to Cottonwood Springs and Mecca, or to go over to Keys ranch through Lost Horse

Valley and more wonderful rock formations. "Lost Horse Valley," the very name sounds intriguing; and as the day is far from spent we decide to explore this Lost Horse place.

There are many roads leading from White Tanks to Keys Ranch, but it is always best to go back to the county sign and be sure. From this sign we take the right-hand road and climb to a wide valley which in season blossoms forth with wild flowers, until it looks like a giant Turkish rug. Here are fields of verbenias, primroses and other desert flowers growing in pro-

fusion, rivaled only by the fields near Palm Springs. Here are beautiful flowered cactus and nestling here and there the beautiful copper-red and purple spotted desert Mariposa.

From this valley the road dips down and winds through huge piles of white and pink tinted rocks seemingly playfully tossed into piles as high as tall buildings. Some of the individual rocks are so large that tall trees growing from them are dwarfed to pygmy size.

The road continues on through the rocks until it climbs a steep short rock hewn grade onto a higher plain where the rocky hills spread farther apart, leaving a large round valley where many cattle are grazing.

This valley is a never ending source of wonderment. On both sides of its wide expanse rise the walls of stone that continue all the way to Keys Ranch. In season this valley floor is also covered with a profusion of beautiful colored flowers.



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The altitude of this monument ranges from 1,000 feet in the eastern end to nearly 6,000 feet in the Little San Bernardino Mountains. The weather is delightful most of the year and particularly on winter days. In summer, while it is hot at lower elevations, it is relatively cool at higher altitudes. The average annual rainfall is less than 5 inches, but there are wide departures from this average.

This area was established as a national monument on August 10, 1936, and has an area of more than 870 square miles.

Desert Plants

Joshua Tree National Monument is preserved primarily because of the notable variety and richness of its desert vegetation. The monument lies within both the Mojave and Colorado Deserts. This is one reason for the many and varied species of desert plants.

Many of these are extremely rare. Among them is the rapidly diminishing Joshua-tree (*Yucca brevifolia*), one of the most spectacular botanical features of our western desert. It belongs to the lily family, as do many other hardy desert plants, and attains heights up to 40 feet. Its cream-white blossoms grow in clusters 8 to 14 inches long at the ends of heavy, angular, erratic branches. It

is believed that the Mormons gave this giant yucca the name of Joshua-tree, or the "praying plant," because of the upstretched "arms."

Unlike a typical tree, the Joshua-tree trunk is not composed of annual rings or layers, hence it is difficult to determine its age.



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The great feathery plume of the nolina (*Nolina parryi*) blossom is another striking feature of the landscape in early summer. It is not a yucca, but is frequently confused with the Mohave yucca (*Yucca schidigera*).

Widely scattered throughout the monument are the paloverde, manzanita, pinyon, live oak, juniper, ocotillo, desertwillow, indigobush, smokethorn, mesquite, catclaw, numerous species of colorful cactuses, and a profusion of small bushes, plants, and shrubs whose blossoms lend brilliant patches of

color to the desert in the spring after a wet winter. Then there is the common creosote-bush which forms a sea of dark green on every level area and valley floor. Desertholly grows in a few isolated areas.

Wildflower displays are best observed during April and May, although flowering starts

in March at the lower elevations and continues through June at the higher altitudes. As is typical of the desert, in some years there is no floral display because of unfavorable weather.

Palms and Oases

There are several oases in the monument where groups of California Washington-palms (*Washingtonia filifera*) are found. Among these is the splendid group at Fortynine Palms Canyon, just inside the northern

boundary and easily reached by trail. One of the best known stands is at the Twenty-nine Palms Oasis. Col. Henry Washington, who conducted a Government survey party through the area in 1855, was the first white man known to have seen this oasis. The largest group of palms within the monument is found in Lost Palms Canyon. This group of more than 100 palms is reached from Cottonwood Spring over a 4-mile trail.

Geology

The topography of Joshua Tree National Monument is briefly a series of mountain blocks separated by desert flats, the result of shifting along great cracks, or "faults," in the earth's crust. The land surface has been intensely modified by the sudden changes in wind, water, and temperature conditions typical of desert climate.

Rocks of eight different geological periods, ranging in age from Precambrian to Quaternary, are found in the area.

Hundreds of light-gray or pinkish rock formations are scattered over a large portion of the monument, particularly in the high plateau region. This rock is called White Tanks quartz monzonite, a rock once molten during the age of reptiles. This molten rock rose up into the crust as "magma," cooled and solidified not too far below the earth's surface. Today it is exposed to view because the overburden of rock has been worn away by erosion.

Many narrow bands of contrasting color are seen in these massive rock formations. These are dikes (aplite, pegmatite, or rhyolite) which resulted from molten material being forced up through cracks when the older mass of magma had cooled and contracted in the process of hardening into monzonite.

Early Human Habitation

Prehistoric man has left behind relics of his occupation in this area, perhaps 5,000 years ago. The Pinto Basin is famous for a particular type of stone weapon point associated with the distinctive culture of Pinto Man. These points were used to tip darts propelled with the atlatl (throwing stick) before the introduction of the bow and arrow. Pinto points, with other stone artifacts, were found along the shore of an ancient lake that was there during and following the Ice Age (Pleistocene Epoch).



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Subsequent decrease in rainfall left the basin so dry that it was no longer habitable by primitive man. Embedded in the shore deposits of the now-vanished lake are found fossilized bones of camels, horses, antelope, ground sloth, and other animals.

More recent Indians also inhabited the monument. Until about 1913, the Serranos, a branch of the Shoshone tribe, lived in this area and left arrow points, pottery, beads, metates, manos, petroglyphs, and pictographs.

Wildlife

Many kinds of wildlife and the means by which they survive in this desert area are a source of surprise to most visitors. Among the animals are the desert bighorn, mule deer, coyote, bobcat, an occasional cougar, badger, desert fox, and many rodents ranging in size from the jackrabbit to the silky pocket mouse, one of the smallest mammals in North America. Since so little water is available, rodents have learned to satisfy their thirst by eating vegetation from which the necessary moisture is secured.

Birds are numerous especially around the oases; more than 230 species have been identified. Many are migrants, while a number live permanently in the area.

Reptile life is abundant, with the desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizi*) leading in interest. Many colorful lizards can be seen darting across the hot sands. The rare *Xantusia vigilis*, one of the smallest species of lizards, is associated with the yucca. They have vertical (catlike) pupils, have no eyelids, and are usually nocturnal. The chuckwalla, the largest lizard in this area, lives among the rocks.

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Salton View

Salton View is the outstanding scenic point in the monument. From an elevation of 5,185 feet, there is an unforgettable sweep of valley, mountain, and desert combined in one magnificent panorama. The Salton Sea, 241 feet below sea level and 30 miles away, is visible from here.

In the foreground lie the renowned "date gardens" of Coachella Valley. Date palms were first brought to our shores by Spanish missionaries.

To the right is the blunt-faced escarpment of San Jacinto Peak (elevation 10,831 feet). This sheer rise of about 10,000 feet within a distance of 5 miles, is one of the greatest in the country. To the north lies San Geronio Mountain whose top, snow-covered the greater part of the year, reaches an elevation of 11,485 feet, making it the highest in southern California.

The well-known San Andreas Fault, source of many earthquakes, can be seen directly below and to the west, extending approximately northwest to southeast on the near side of the Coachella Valley.

Other Places of Interest

Fine stands of Joshua-trees are located in Queen and Lost Horse Valleys. Split Rock, a giant granite boulder knifed into two large sections, is a short way off the Salton View Road. The whole high plateau through which the road travels is dominated by fantastic piles of monzonite which culminate in the Wonderland of Rocks.

Hidden Valley is in the Wonderland of Rocks on the road to Salton View. According to legend, this valley, completely enclosed by a wall of rocks, was formerly used as a cattle rustlers' hideout. An excellent view of the Wonderland of Rocks is had from a high point atop the wall surrounding the valley.

Cottonwood Spring is truly an oasis, providing sufficient water for palms, cottonwoods, and other plant and animal life. From Cottonwood Spring there is an easy 4-mile trail to Lost Palms Canyon where desert bighorn are sometimes seen. Along the road in Pinto Basin are the Cholla Cactus Garden and the Ocotillo Patch.

How To Reach the Monument

Located in southern California, the monument is less than 150 miles east of Los Angeles and is best approached on U. S. 60, 70, and 99 to a point 15 miles east of Banning, thence to Twentynine Palms or Joshua Tree and the north entrances.

From U. S. 66, you may turn south at Amboy and follow a paved road 50 miles to Twentynine Palms.

You may enter the monument from U. S. 60 and 70, via the Cottonwood Spring or south entrance.

Main roads in the monument are of a good desert type, most of them having an oiled surface. You are cautioned to stay on the regular designated routes. Water should be carried, especially during the summer.

Accommodations

Camping is delightful the year round, although the nights are sometimes cold during the winter. Seven free campgrounds have been developed, with tables, fireplaces, and toilets. Campers must bring their own water and firewood. Camping is confined to the designated camps. Picnic lunches may be eaten outside the camps, provided no fires are built and the area is left clean.

The monument is a sanctuary for wildlife, and hunting or shooting is prohibited. No plant or animal life, deadwood, artifacts, or other natural or historic objects may be gathered, cut, disturbed, or removed from the monument.

Mission 66

MISSION 66 is a program designed to be completed by 1966 which will assure the maximum protection of the scenic, scientific, wilderness, and historic resources of the National Park System in such ways and by such means as will make them available for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

Administration

Joshua Tree National Monument is administered by the National Park Service of the U. S. Department of the Interior. A superintendent, whose address is Twentynine Palms, Calif., is in immediate charge.



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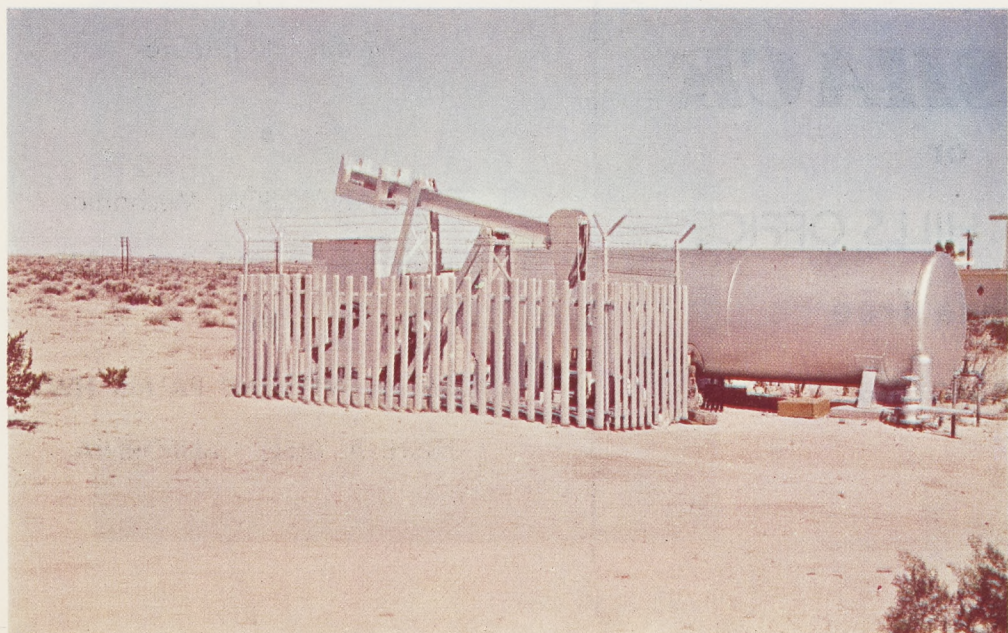
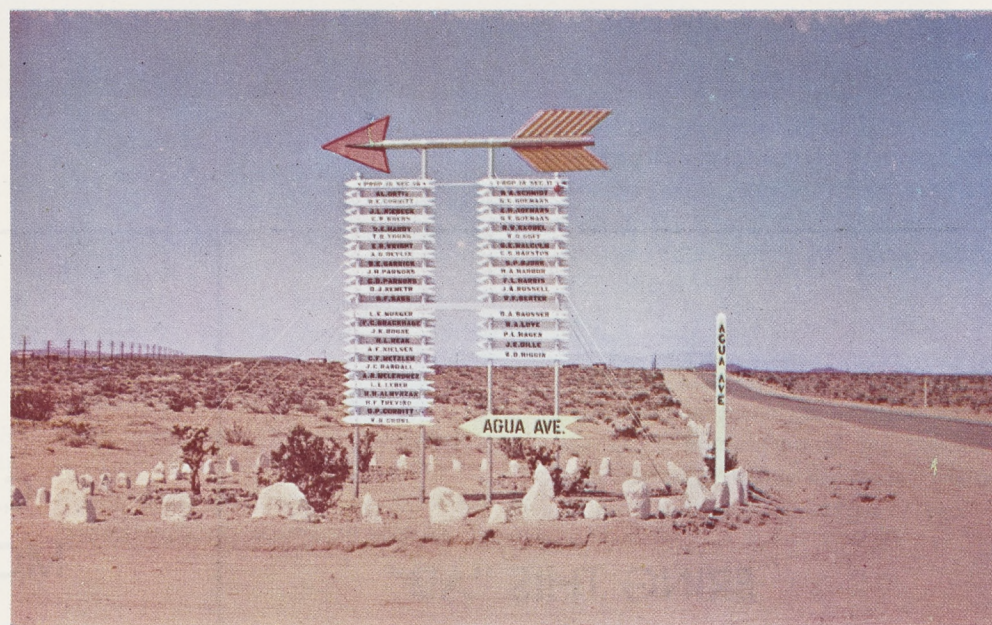
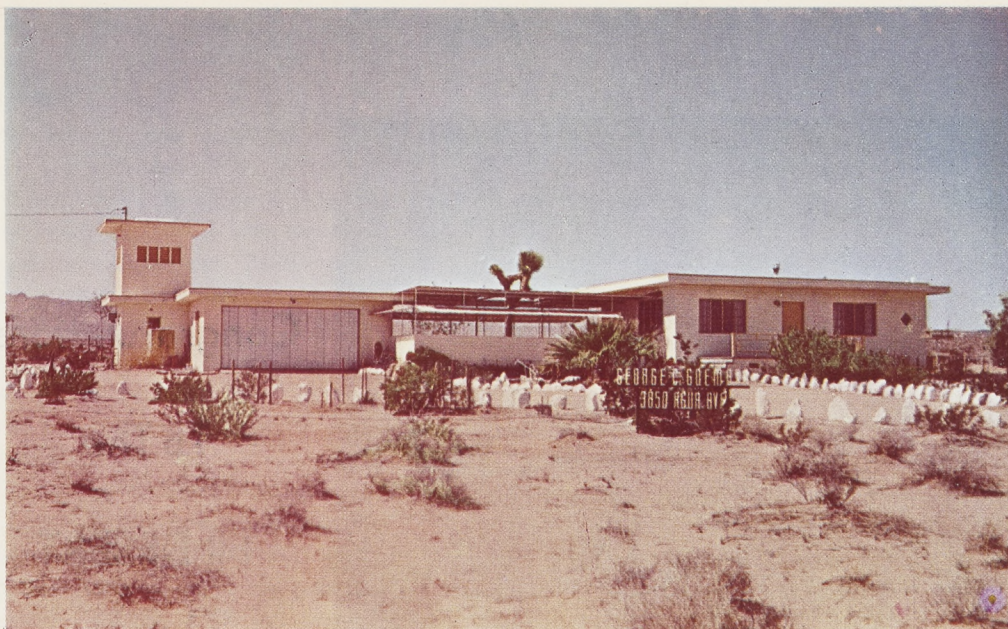
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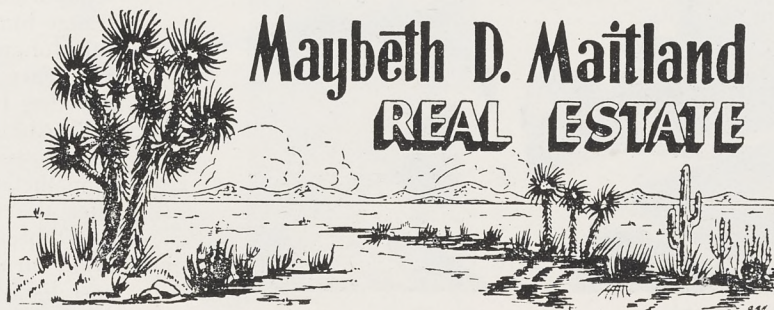
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California's Garden of the Gods

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Johnny Lang's grave in Nat'l Monument

Johnny Lang, prospector, was afoot. He had turned his horse out the previous night to graze, and, while he slumbered, the animal had yielded to a nostalgia for distant regions. Now Johnny was following a long, long trail that wound through a sparse Joshua forest, interspersed with cholla, sage, and vicious "cat's claw."

In a veritable lost world Johnny was like a lone ant in a freshly-plowed field. Hemmed in by great monoliths of granite that heaved their pale gray forms against an indigo sky, he felt as though he had been stranded on a strange, distant planet.

Plodding through a narrow valley, he found himself in a large amphitheatre, bounded by irregular walls that resembled crude masonry. Then, suddenly, he descried a human form — a tall man clad in "chaps" and dungarees, topped by a broad-brimmed hat.

"Well, stranger, where d'ye think you're agoin'?" There was something in that voice reminiscent of the sound of a repeating rifle when a cartridge is pumped into its chamber. But Johnny, elated at finding a fellow-creature, missed its intonation.

"I'm hunting a horse that got away from my camp last night—a bay with a white face—have you seen him?"

"Lookin' for a lost hoss, eh? Well, stranger, I'll tell you suthin' you'd better remember a long time . . . *you ain't lost no hoss!*"

This incredible statement was not easy to comprehend. The prospector opened his mouth to ask for an explanation, but his jaw hung slack when enlightenment came suddenly, and without another word being spoken—he was gazing into the muzzle of a large and utterly convincing Colt's revolver. The logic of that last sentence was unassailable!

Important events often turn on strange hinges, and such was the case with Johnny Lang. With a sad heart and weary feet he trekked campward, reflecting bitterly upon the subject of man's inhumanity to man, when he met another gold-seeker who listened sympathetically to his dolorous tale. After the matter of horsethieves had been thoroughly discussed, the conversation turned to another topic — the most likely places to prospect in the vicinity. Pointing to a mountain that loomed in the distance, Johnny's new acquaintance said:

"Why don't you look over the ground up there? It has all the earmarks of a gold-bearing formation."

Shortly afterward, Johnny acted upon that suggestion, and almost immediately discovered an outcropping of auriferous quartz. And then the irony of the whole situation became apparent; his good fortune was a direct result of his recent encounter, suggesting a name for his new find that was highly appropriate: "The Lost Horse Mine."

So runs a brief episode in the exciting history of a little known region in California. Here, in the middle '80s, was a locality eminently suited to the activities of men whose livelihood was gained by extra-legal methods. Here, in the fastnesses of hidden canyons and "lost valleys" difficult to find and easy to defend, a coterie of outlaws held full sway for a decade.

The operations of these gentry were simple and lucrative. From the ranges of southern Arizona a gang of "rustlers" would gather choice cattle and drive them westward into California. Making their way by easy stages through the desert country from spring to spring, their destination was a monoclinical range that appears on the map as the Little San Bernardino Mountains, ascending on a gentle slope from Twentynine Palms Valley southward, and falling away in abrupt barrancas and badlands to the floor of Coachella Valley. Between the desert and the summit was a region where stolen cat-

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tle could be concealed, grazing in rock-bound valleys under the watchful eyes of other men whose business was that of directing them from time to time into channels of commerce. Upon their return trip to Arizona, the "rustlers" would drive back a band of horses, recruited in a like manner from the ranges of California, to be sold in the Arizona market.

It was in 1894, the closing year of this reign of lawlessness, that Johnny Lang tracked his horse into the outlaws' lair. His subsequent discovery, and those of two or three other prospectors, started a "rush" of such proportions that the cattle thieves were literally overwhelmed by an avalanche of goldseekers, and left for other parts.

Fortune beamed upon a few of the newcomers, but a majority learned to their disappointment that much of the region, though highly scenic in character, was deficient in gold. Here and there, along contact zones between different formations, claims were located that proved to be quite profitable. Chief among the producers were the Pinon, the Lost Horse, and the Desert Queen. It has been estimated that the latter mine produced over 2,000,000, in spite of the fact that its ore was hauled several miles to a stamp mill, situated near one of the few springs in the vicinity.

The glamor of gold, the will-o'-the-wisp of sudden riches, lured many an adventurer to this one-time stronghold of Ishmaelites. Its picturesque coves and fort-like inclosures became stages where many a drama was enacted; but for poignant human interest few sagas compare with that of Johnny Lang, whose whimsical humor survives in the name he bestowed upon his mine. Unable to work the property because he lacked the necessary funds, Johnny engineered a deal whereby outside interests proceeded with the development;



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GARDEN OF THE GODS

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his own compensation was to be a share in the production. All went well, and the lucky discoverer soon found himself possessed of a considerable fortune. Gone were the days of privation and back-breaking toil—gone the nights when one quilt separated an aching body from a stony ground! Into the bright lights of the metropolis he plunged—a glorified spendthrift who ladled out the cash with both hands. Ere many months had passed, Johnny was “strapped,” and returned to the country where he had found gold. Here, he believed, was other ground with rich values that awaited location notices. That second quest for the king of metals was long and utterly fruitless.

One blustery day in March, 1928, Bill Keys was laboring near the summit of the range, opening up a road to Inspiration Point, now known as Keys' View. Through the brush he descried what appeared to be a bundle of rags sprawled upon the ground. Closer inspection revealed it to be the disiccated corps of Johnny Lang, apparently some three months dead. Hunger . . . weakness . . . exposure to cold . . . and a macabre end to a trail that once glittered with treasure!

At the point just twenty-five miles from Whitewater, a tortuous road labeled “Quail Springs” forks to the southeast and ascends on a gentle grade to a precipitous gateway. Winding past a series of sentinel-like peaks, the road enters a cove-like valley, on the west side of which an old watering trough marks the location of Quail Springs, but a succession of arid years has caused a virtual drying up of this once important watering place.

Three miles farther, the road enters the borders of a region where huge dikes and isolated pinnacles of granite offer a spectacle with few counterparts in the entire West—a realm where colossal Kings of Granite hold full and undisputed sway—a far-flung maze of rock formations so bold in contour and titanic of proportion that it has appropriately been designated as “California's Garden of the Gods.” Here, before the amazed eyes of the visitor, great walls are flung heavenward, barriers of huge boulders, unbelievably complex and varied in their architecture, ascend toward the sky; monolithic domes worn smooth by ages of weathering dominate an environment so wild and primitive that it becomes, to the imaginative beholder a land of some lost and forgotten race.

This contorted area occupies a considerable portion of the plateau north of the backbone which marks the summit of the Little San Bernardino

The open Bible on Key's Ranch

Range. From a point near Quail Springs it extends eastward some twelve miles as the crow flies to White Tanks, and embraces Standing Rock Ranch, Ivanpagh Tanks, and Split Rock Tanks with its mysterious Indian paintings. Beside these are myriads of other locations which, though unnamed, offer a variety of peculiar settings which is almost infinite.

Nearest to the highway, and, and, in many respects most interesting, is the area which recently has come to be known as Standing Rock Ranch. At a point three miles from Quail Springs a road branches right to this place, while the one to the left proceeds to Keys' Ranch, Split Rock Tanks, and Twentynine Palms. To the left of the road 3-5 miles farther, a homesteader's tiny dwelling appears against a background of rocks with proportions so large as to make it resemble a doll's house. Although the surrounding land has been pre-empted by a settler, one is reassured by signs that visitors are welcome and camping is free.

Here, in truth, is a tiny lost world—a strange and fascinating retreat whose existence would not be suspected by the casual traveler piloting a car over the road that passes its sheltering walls! And yet another surprise is in store for the timid soul that dreads to return over the difficult route by which he has entered. At the southeast corner of the valley is an obscure pass-

ageway where, by creeping through an aperture which barely admits a man's body, one emerges with dramatic suddenness into the open desert! This location is about half a mile from the homesteader's cabin, but somewhat difficult to find from the outside.

Such is a little-known but highly interesting corner of California's Garden of the Gods. To see and appreciate its great extent, its varied formations, and its labyrinthine passages, one must thread his way through its peculiar fastnesses to the eastern limits at White Tanks. It is a tour that teems with strange and fascinating scenic effects—prototypes, in the main, of the general scheme one finds at Standing Rock Ranch; but lacking that hidden valley which few travelers have seen.

As a finale to an odyssey through this land where historic romance stalked in the days of gold, one may drive southward through Lost Horse Valley to Keys' View on the crest of the range. Except for two short grades the ascent is a gradual one, giving no hint of the altitude attained in the steady climb from Morongo Pass. It is

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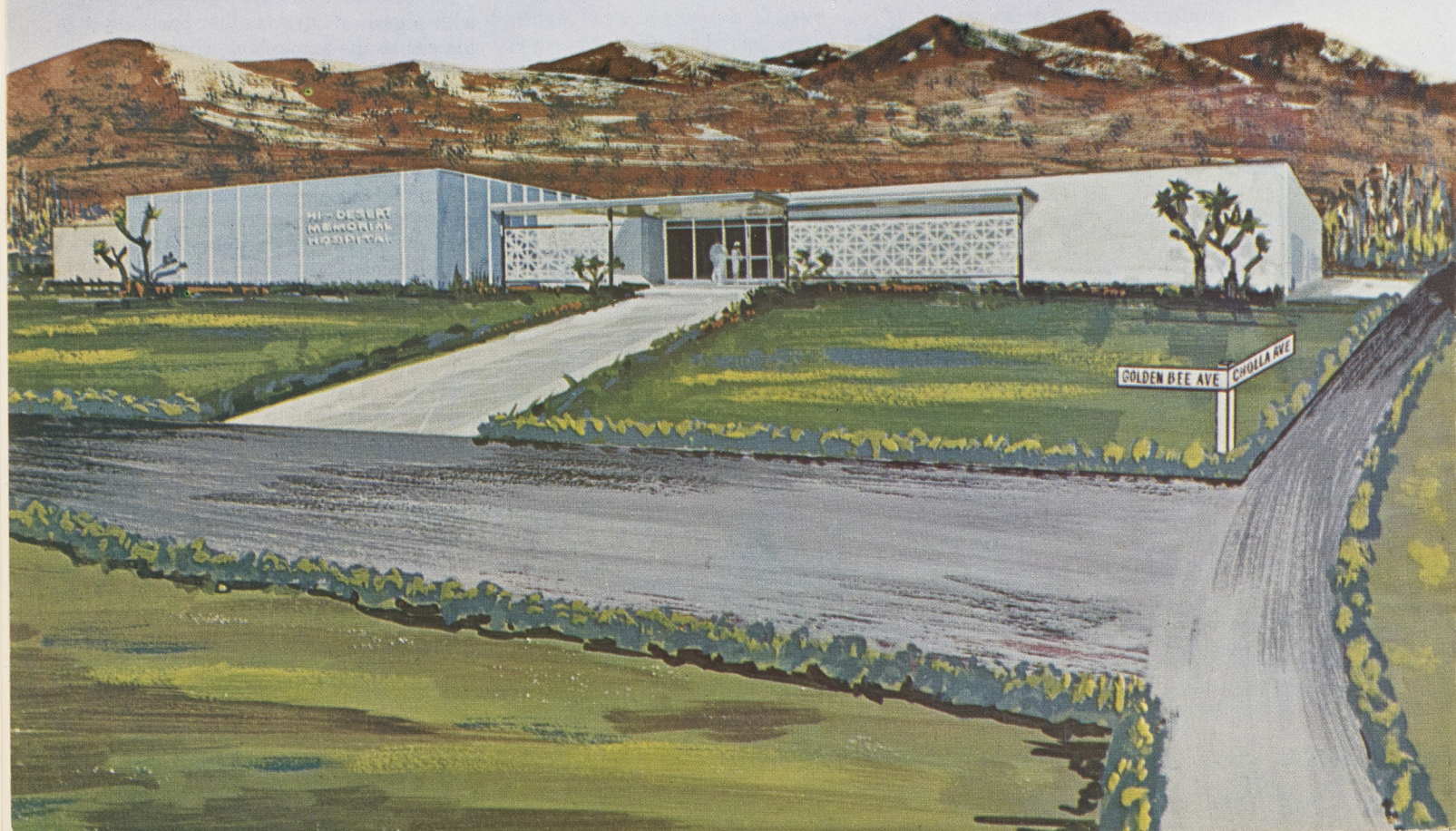
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with a gasp of surprise that one guides his car to the summit of what appears to be a small hilltop, and gazes down . . . down . . . down into empty space for 5,000 feet!

Below, and stretching away to a mountain-rimmed horizon, is one of the most amazing panoramas in the entire coastal region—a giant relief-map whose rugged contours stand out with cameo-like sharpness. Grotesquely-eroded slopes billow downward to meet the tawny desert where small, isolated hills appear like great chocolate drops marooned in a sea of alluvial gravel and storm-litter. Beyond, colossal San Jacinto Peak thrusts its white crest 10,000 feet into a turquoise sky, while a keen eye may discern Palm Springs huddled at its base. Directly to the south sprawls the town of Indio, its buildings from a distance of ten miles appearing like the habitations of some race of microform stature. Level as a floor, the Coachella valley extends eastward to meet America's Dead Sea, gleaming mysteriously through a tenuous veil of purple haze.

HI-DESERT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA



THE DESERT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL INC.

A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

Not a new idea but a long sought for need. Who knows? Maybe it will be your next great need. One that would have been a life saver for you or one of your family. A project of accomplishment, started by many — individuals and groups. Many seemingly insurmountables have caused delays from time to time, but, now in the capable hands of a Hospital minded Board of Directors, the project is moving forward at a rapid pace. The site has been purchased and plans completed. The entire Hi-Desert populace are indeed grateful for the progress that has been made to date.

The Morongo Valley, which will profit from this great project, includes Palm Wells, Yucca Valley, Pioneer Town, Rimrock, New City, Joshua Tree Sun Fair, Twentynine Palms, Landers, Flamingo, Panorama and Smoke Tree. This area which compares in size to metropolitan Los Angeles, has a population of more than 30,000 people — not including the population at the Marine Base. The mileage of the area covers 125 miles of main highway and several thousand miles of secondary roads and city streets.

The cost of the Hospital complete will be approximately \$350,000.00, the report as released by the Board of Directors. Various methods of fund raising have been in effect. Associate Memberships have been sold, such as, General Memberships at Five Dollars or

more, Life Memberships at One Hundred Dollars or more. Donations have been received by prominent local residents, and residents of Palm Springs toward specific items such as, the cost of a room Ten Thousand Dollars, furnishing of a room at Five Hundred and Fifty to Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

It is evident that the interest shown in this much needed Hospital extends beyond the area which it is expected to serve. The donations do not necessarily have to be excessive amounts, as there are many supplies, furnishings, equipment that are needed. The tickets which are being sold for only One Dollar each, is a Dollar well spent. You not only have spent the Dollar but you will reap benefits in return. It gives you a chance to become an Associate Member of the Hi-Desert Memorial Hospital. It also provides an opportunity to become an owner of one of the lots which have been donated to the cause. These One Dollar tickets when sold will help towards getting all the smaller items which are as important as the great ones, for a well equipped Hospital. The Board of Directors will gladly study any suggestions which are offered, for the purpose of fund raising for this greatly needed project.

The Hi-Desert Memorial Hospital has become a reality, and the communities are grateful for all the support and interest shown by everyone.

PALM WELLS

Chamber of Commerce

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PALM WELLS is located 15 miles Northeast of Highway 99 on the Roadrunner Route in the eastern half of Morongo Valley. The 1960 Census report showed that Palm Wells had over 400 homes, and about 200 residents, the rest were week-enders.

The small town boasts an active Chamber of Commerce, being one of the five comprising the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the Morongo Basin. They feel proud to have played a part in the origin of the Roadrunner Route as a symbol for the Hi-Desert.

The Palm Wells Community Cactus Garden is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. The object of the garden is to preserve the native flora and fauna for the pleasure and enjoyment of all. The garden is located at 52460 Twenty-nine Palms Highway near Rose Eden Drive, and during September annually, a Flower and Cactus Show is held.

It is obvious that Palm Wells is a recreation area with keen interest in the wild life here.

Morongo Valley, known as the Gateway to the High Desert is reached after leaving Highway 99, though Devil's Garden and up the Dry Morongo Canyon. The climate is moderate, boasting 4 seasons a year, the winters are mild but of short duration.

It is truly a haven — attracting people of various interests — the artist, historian, fun lovers, because of the many means of recreation, and "rock hounds," affording opportunities for them to explore the many side roads and canyons.

Morongo boasts of a library, civic center, a church and an active Chamber of Commerce who sponsor the annual celebration, known as The Fiesta Days, a truly Western attraction.

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First Row, Left to Right: Ethel Chance, Honey Fellers, Mrs. Elsinore Machris, noted philanthropist, Mrs. Phyllis O. Grubaugh; (Back Row) John C. Marsh, Don Moore, Bill Williams, Lela Osborn, Art Katje, Norm Essig, and John Haskell

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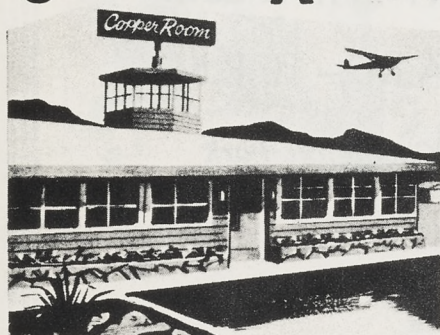
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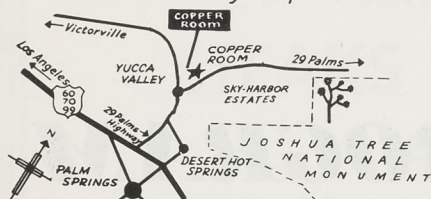


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At the Airport, Yucca Valley

Elsinore Machris' Sky Harbor

Yucca Valley

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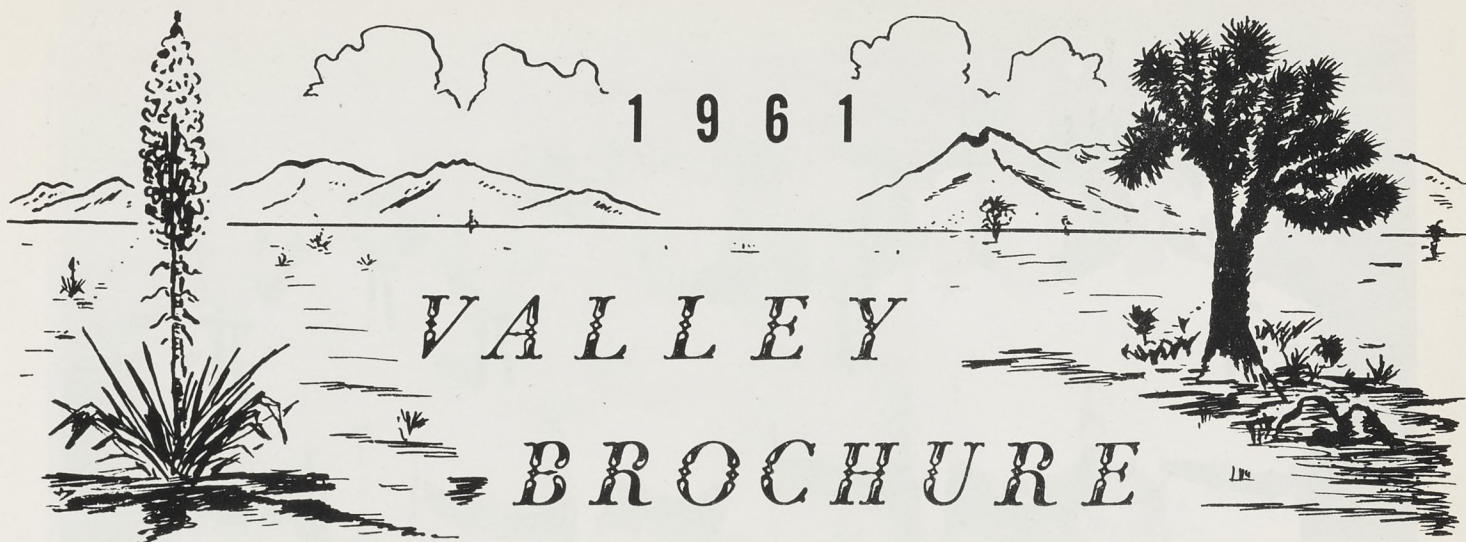
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Mrs. Machris invites you and your family and her many friends to visit Sky Harbor now, during its most beautiful season. Transportation to and from Los Angeles, refreshments in the beautiful new Copper Room at the airport and tours of this romantic land are included without charge.

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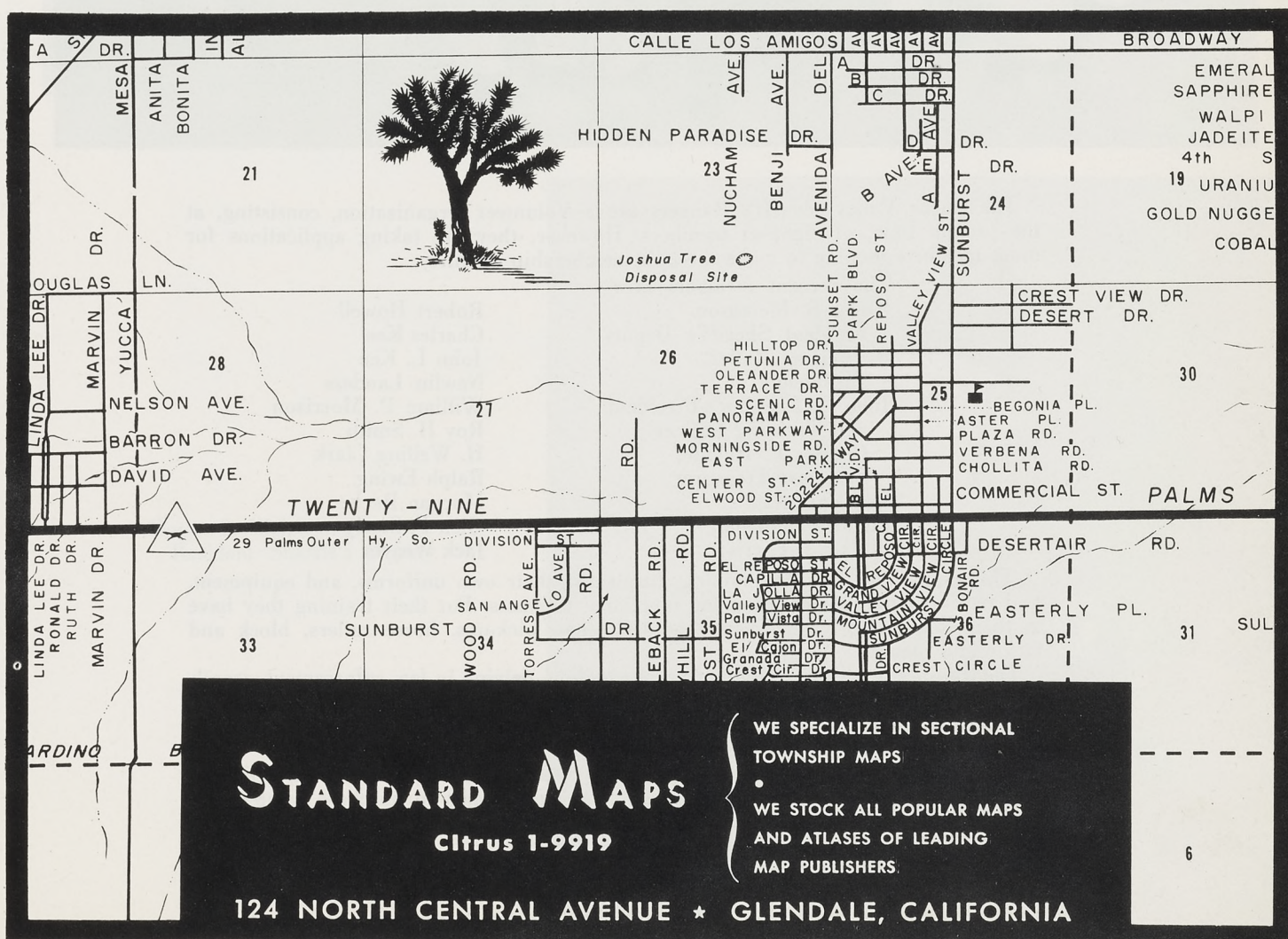


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The Yucca Valley Sheriff's Rangers are a Volunteer Organization, consisting, at the present time, of eighteen members. However, they are taking applications for more members, hoping to make the unit membership of thirty.

The present members are:

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This entire unit is self-sustaining, furnishing their own uniforms, and equipment, and receiving no compensation for functional expenses. For their training they have at their disposal privately owned horses, jeeps, pick-ups, horse-trailers, block and tackle and planes.

The training program is strenuous and exacting, delving in law enforcement, search and rescue in field, desert and mountains, the use of ropes, climbing and rappelling of sheer cliffs, evacuation, and first aid. The unit is always alert and ready, since their duties are continually based on EMERGENCIES.

Any organization is helpless without the necessary equipment, so varied activities are planned by the unit for the purpose of raising money to purchase whatever is needed. They will also be grateful for any offers, suggestions or usable equipment given to them. Financial donations are important too!

Remember, these eighteen men are your HEROES! They are constantly concerned about the welfare of the entire community — individual and property alike; the community then, in turn, has a responsibility to these *eighteen* men and are deserving of your full support, in thought, word and deed!

DO NOT FAIL THEM!



R. Sterling Butler,
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Resident Sheriff's Deputy



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11th Annual GRUBSTAKE DAYS PROGRAM

SATURDAY, APRIL 28th, 1961

Pre-Event — Queen Festival, Community Club — Yucca Trail **8:00 P.M.**

Art Baker — Master of Ceremonies
Selection of Miss Yucca Valley
Entertainment — Yucca Valley Players
Music — Vic Ray's Orchestra

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 1961

Coronation of the Queen **1:30 P.M.**
Parachute Jump at Airport **6:00 P.M.**
Grand Opening — Street Dance — Apache Trail **9:00 P.M.**

SATURDAY, MAY 20th, 1961

Art Miller — Parade Marshal
Parade forms at Yucca Valley Lumber Co. **8:00 A.M.**
Kickapoo Trail to Acoma Trail **11:00 A.M.**
Air Show and Parachute Jump (Airport) **2:00 P.M.**
Little League Ball Game — Adams Field **5:00 P.M.**

SUNDAY, MAY 21st, 1961

Church of your choice — A.M.
Midget Races — Adams Field **2:00 P.M.**
Band and Show **3:00 P.M.**

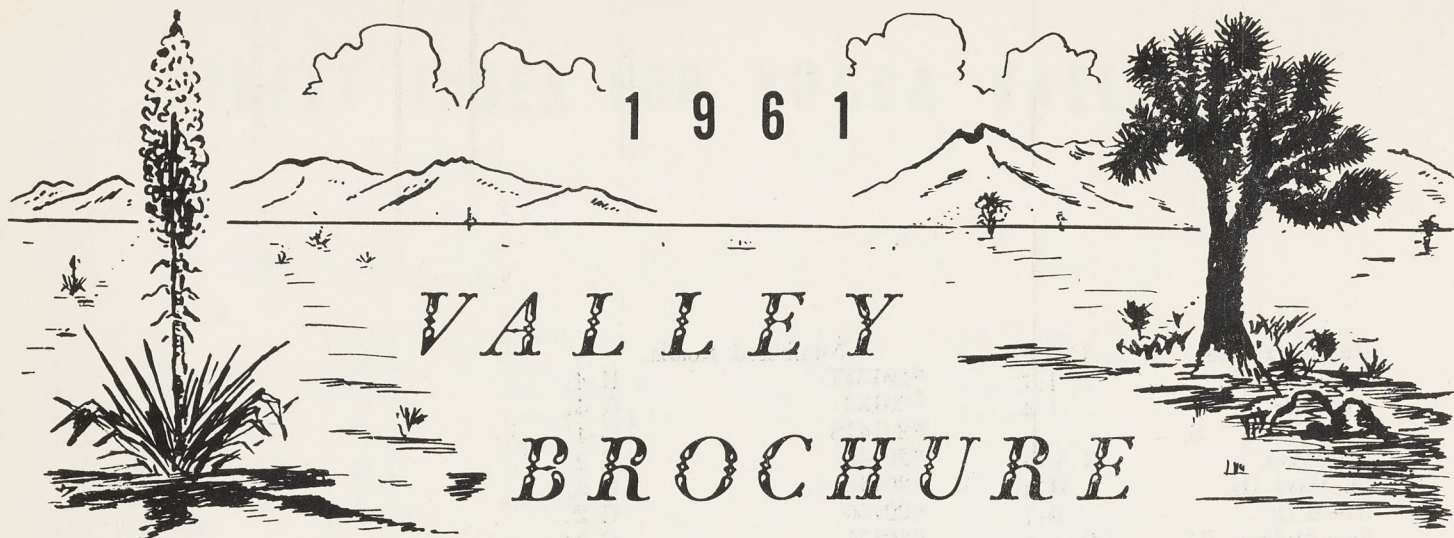
Drawing for the Hospital and Distribution of Ribbons and Trophies
Copper Room

Parachute Jump after the Drawing — Airport

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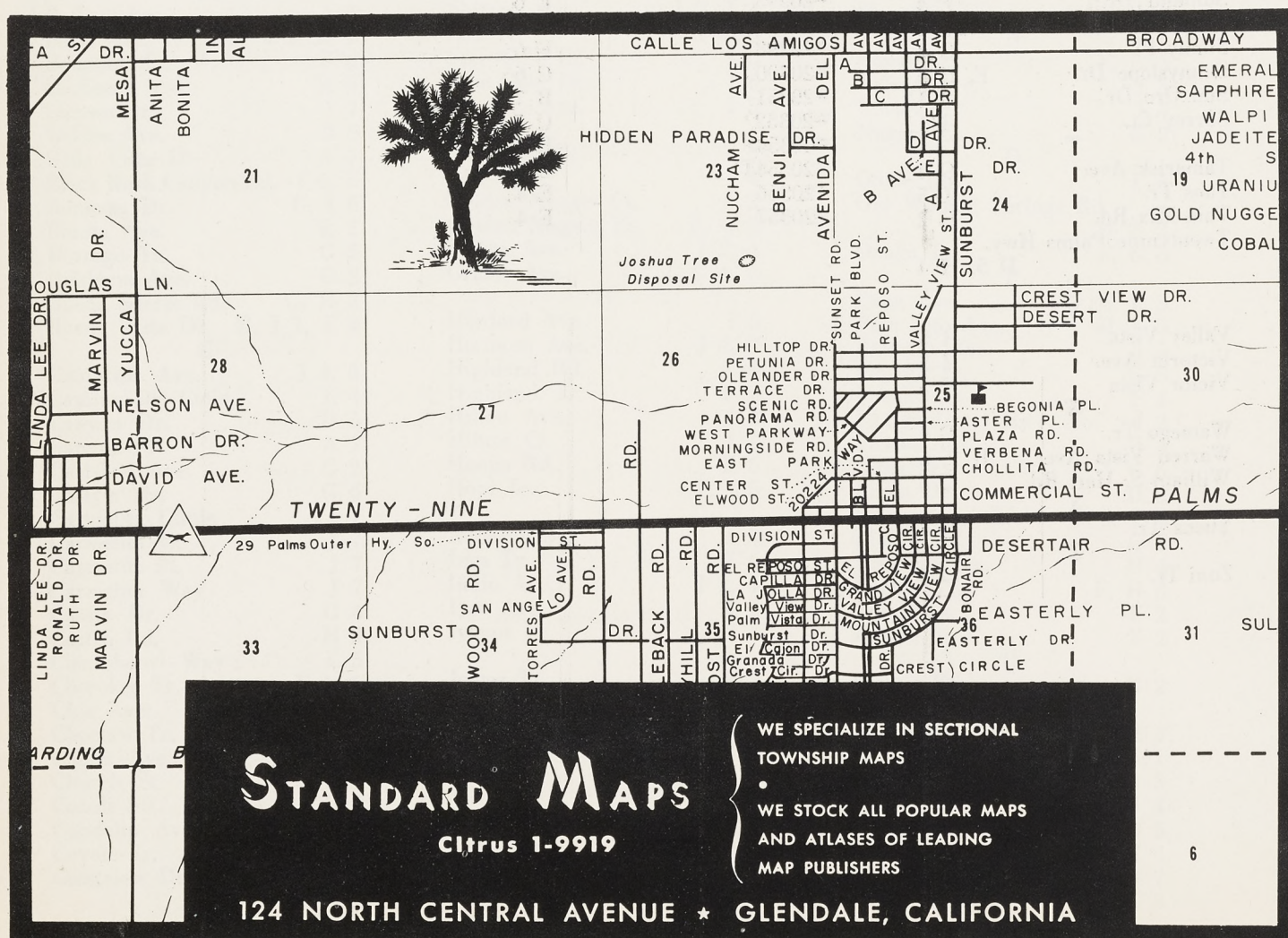
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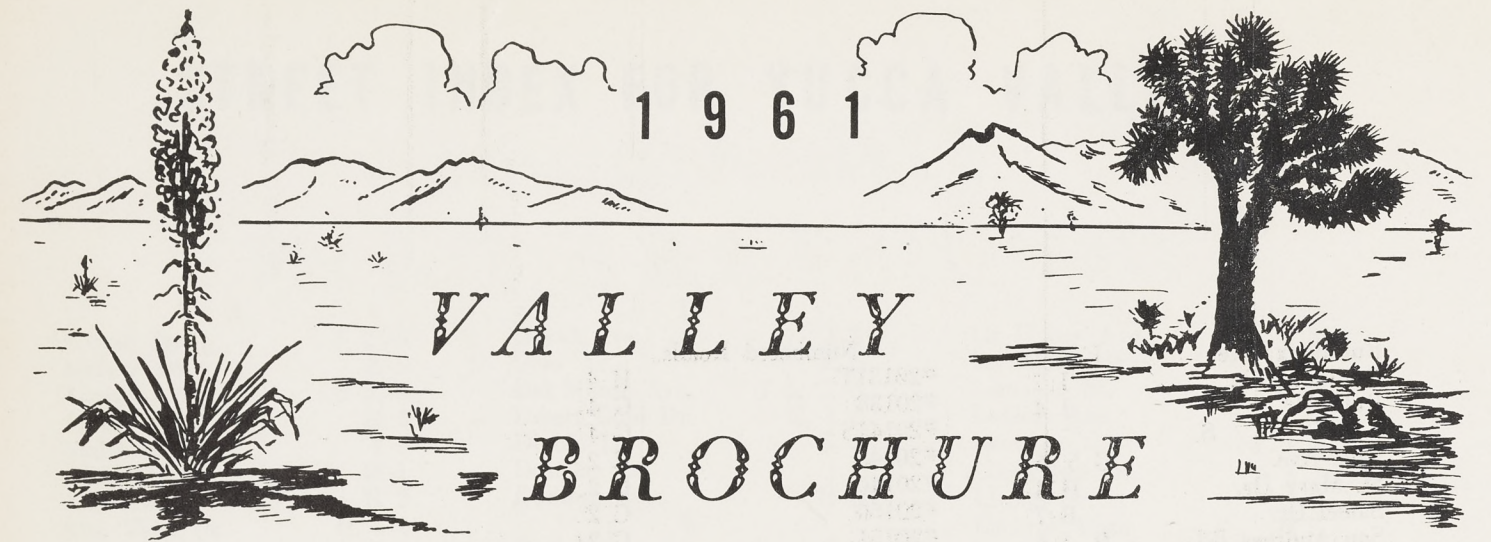
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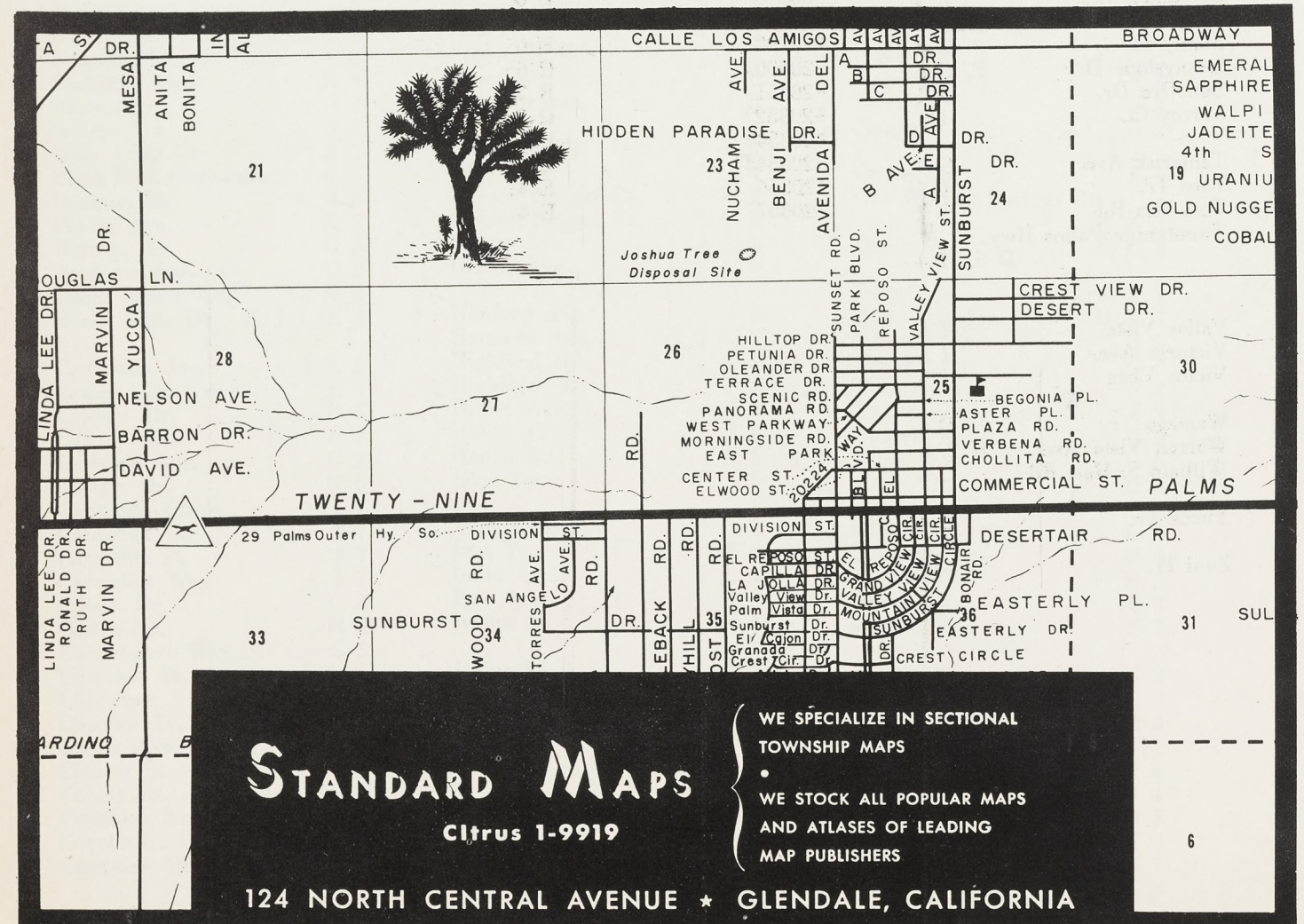
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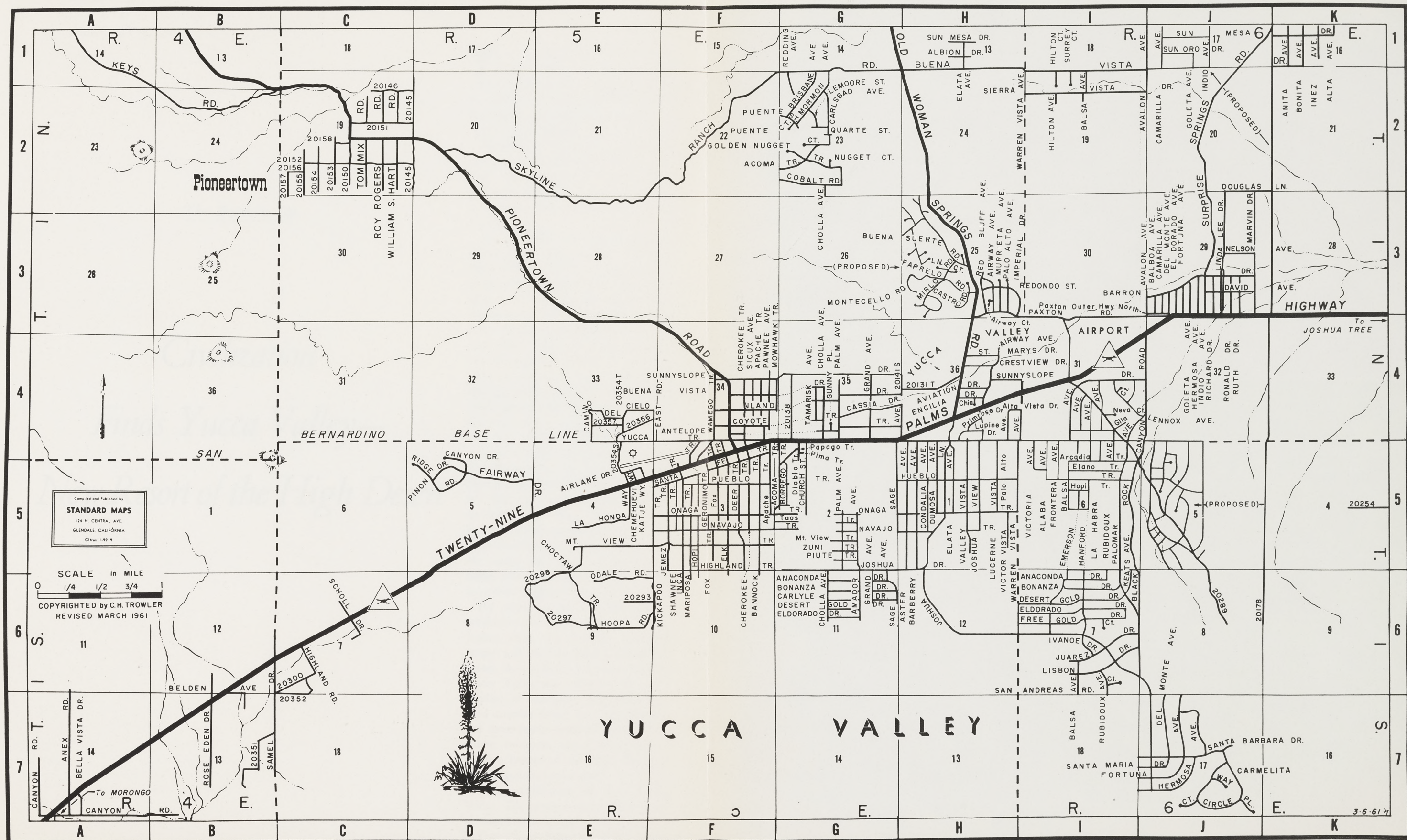
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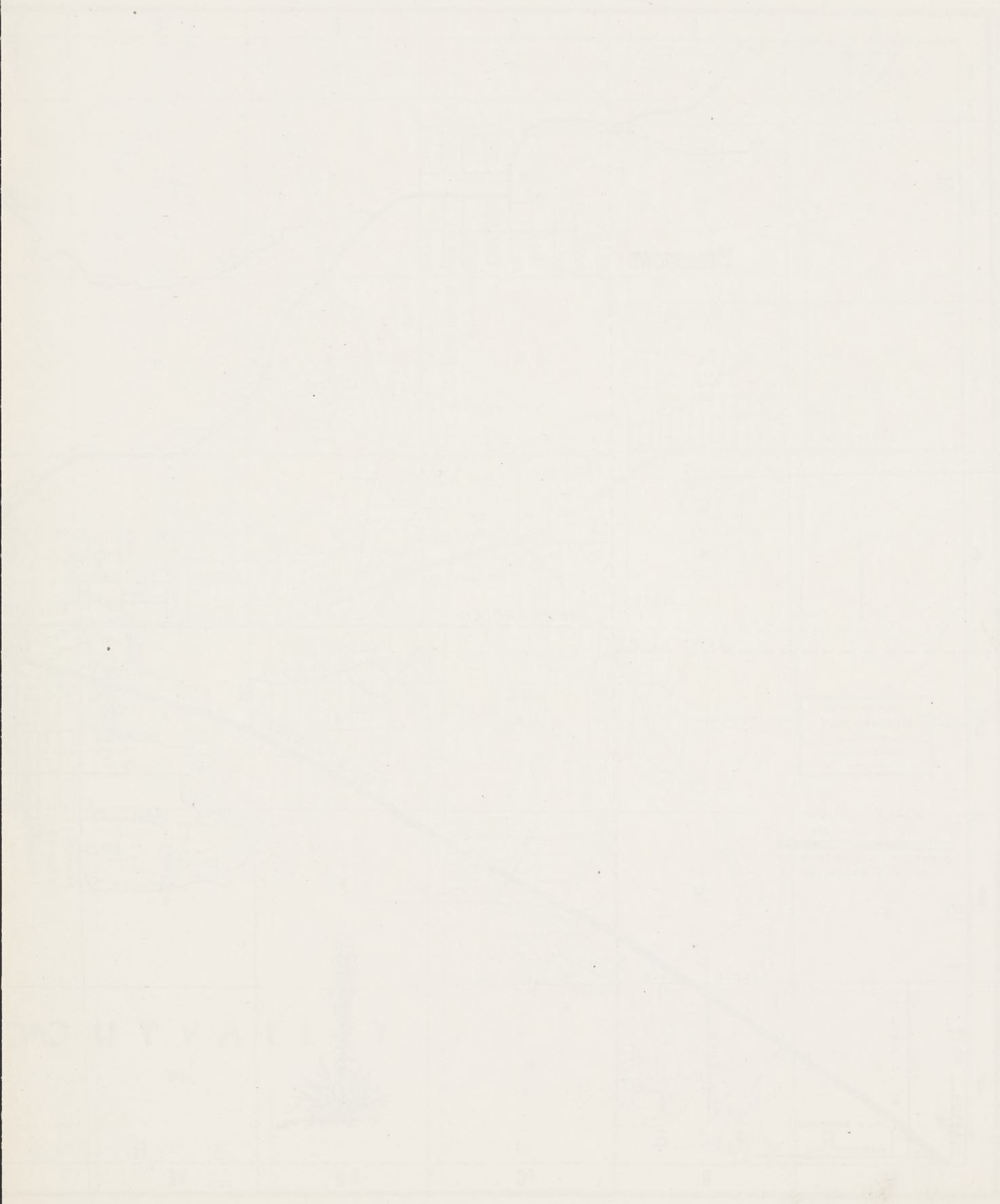




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PALM SPRINGS *Life*

FEBRUARY 8, 1961

The Boom is On

Civilization Finds Yucca Valley— New Resort of the High Desert

Yucca Valley, a community of the High Desert which is twenty-seven miles and about the same number of minutes driving north from Palm Springs, lies virtually isolated from civilization by geography.

Hemmed in by mountain ranges on two sides, and with the vista of the open desert at both ends, it has but three escape routes to the outside world—and it would be hard deciding which is the least arduous.

To the northeast, the Twentynine Palms Road, which is Yucca Valley's Main Street, stretches through seventy miles of lonely desert and bleak mountains to come out on United States Highway 66 and a wide spot in the road called Amboy. Going south, the Twentynine Palms Road winds its hazardous way through the Morongo Canyon to come out on United States Highway 99, still ten miles from Palm Springs and about twenty miles down the road from the next largest community, Banning. To the northwest, sixty-five miles through another stretch of desert along Old Woman Springs Road, which has been paved all the way only in the past few years, is Victorville, another point on Highway 66. Yucca Valley, unincorporated, receives its government services from the county of San Bernardino, but the county seat of San Bernardino is eighty miles away, to the west, and there is no direct highway link with it.

For years, for all its striking scenic attributes—the hundreds of picturesque Joshua trees, the dramatic mountain ranges and the vast blue dome of the desert sky—and its favorable climate, Yucca Valley was inhabited by but a handful of unwashed prospectors, retired couples living on their pittances and those hardy weekend homesteaders whose one-room cabins have been as much a symbol of the High Desert as the indigenous Joshua tree.

Today, civilization has found Yucca Valley. The boom is on. And the trend is toward resort living.

True, Yucca Valley is still very much the village, and anyone familiar with the growth of Palm Springs and surround-

ing communities of the low desert (Palm Springs is but 487 feet above sea level, compared with Yucca Valley's 3,350 feet) would think it a pretty mild boom.

But Yucca Valley is still young—in fact, it is almost a new community.

It has had a Post Office only since 1945, a newspaper only for the past four years and a bank for only two years. Up until just two years ago, it was without a major market.

As Mark Green, publisher of the community's *Hi Desert Star*, remarked, "Anybody who has been here ten years is an oldtimer."

One such "oldtime" resident, Norman Essig, who is doing the engineering on

Today, Yucca Valley has two supermarkets, and a third one is about to open. Security First National Bank has already bought a new site for expansion, and San Geronio Savings and Loan Association, which provides most of the community's home financing from its headquarters in Banning, is reported only waiting for government approval to open offices in Yucca Valley. The community is getting its first men's clothing store and its fourth trailer park, a fifty-four unit development with swimming pool and recreation hall being built on a site overlooking the Yucca Valley Golf Course. (Like many of the new developers discovering the High Desert, the trailer park owner is an in-

000 clubhouse under new ownership.

Postmistress Hilda Hardesty reports

that last year's postal receipts hit a new high of \$38,428, up almost \$10,000 from 1959 (\$28,947) and more than double receipts of just two years ago (\$17,720). Mrs. Hardesty recalls opening the Post Office fifteen years ago in what was originally the dining room of her home, operating it in conjunction with a grocery store that she owned.

Today, the Post Office has its own building and six employees. Last year, it put on a "city carrier" for the first time.

"We have only partial home delivery, but it's a step," she said.

Star publisher Green, who has owned the community's newspaper for the past three years, previously printed it in Desert Hot Springs, in conjunction with the Desert Hot Springs *Sentinel*. This past year, Green sold out his interests in the low desert, and invested \$40,000 in a new building with its own printing plant for the *Hi Desert Star* in Yucca Valley.

"We just felt there was going to be tremendous growth here," he said.

Yucca Valley Heights, newest of the "Big Four" in real estate developments, has broken ground for a twenty-four unit motel (Yucca Valley has not yet reached that point of resort sophistication, like Palm Springs where it calls its motels "hotels"), has announced plans for a sixteen-lane bowling alley and was reported to be consummating the purchase of the 140-acre golf course property for a big expansion program.

And the town is now raising funds for construction of the Hi Desert Memorial Hospital, a project which is dear to the heart of millionaire philanthropist Elsinore Machris, who is the co-owner with realtor John Haskell of Sky Harbor Estates. Mrs. Machris, who contributed an initial \$10,000 toward the project, envisions a twenty-five bed hospital within a year. A twenty-acre site has already been secured.

In November, the High Desert country, including Twentynine Palms, Joshua



Sky Harbor Estates, one of the four big real estate developments in Yucca Valley, recalled that when he first settled in the area six years ago, he lived in a home without lights or water.

"There was nothing up here but wilderness," he said.

vestor from the Los Angeles area, Al Paise, owner of the Ace Rubber Company in Southgate.)

The golf course itself, a nine-hole layout which was established only five years ago, is rumored ready to expand to eighteen holes and to construct a \$100,-

Tree and Morongo Valley as well as Yucca, led all of the nine unincorporated districts in the vast San Bernardino County for the second straight month in building permit totals. The total valuation for November was \$449,241, almost double the figure for the next highest area (the mountain district of Lake Arrowhead, with \$243,756).

As one of the town's bartenders commented: "Well, the optimists say it's five to six thousand. The pessimists say two thousand. I'd say about twenty-five hundred."

Inevitably with the sudden growth, real estate prices have begun to climb.

Downtown business property is now up to \$200 a front foot. This, of course,

is pretty small potatoes compared to, say, the \$2,000 a front foot for business property in downtown Palm Springs. But it's a big jump from the going rate of \$100 just a year or two ago. One Yucca Valley downtown businessman recently *turned down* \$15,500 for a seventy-five foot lot which sold for \$6,300 just three years ago.

Mrs. Machris acquired Sky Harbor Estates for \$500 to \$750 an acre three years ago. Now, with subdivision of the 1,280-acre site and the accompanying installation of paved streets, water and power lines, the same property is priced from \$1,190 for a half-acre lot to \$8,950 for a five-acre site. Not too long ago—five years or so—homesteaders could have picked it up for \$50 an acre.

As Mrs. Machris remarked, "You could buy it for a song once, but there's no singing now."

Only fifteen years ago, the Southern Pacific Railroad was selling entire square-mile sections of land for \$2,000.

One real estate promoter, Robert Potter, partner and vice president in the Ben Gage Land and Development Company, relates, "Two years ago I sold a section of land for a client for \$120,000. It resold for \$400,000 and today it's worth a million."



Photo - C. H. Trowler

Yucca Valley is not yet up to Twenty-nine Palms, which has the country's largest Marine base as an economic mainstay, but it is on its way, and it has already outdistanced neighboring Joshua Tree, which has the entrance to the High Desert's principal tourist attraction, the Joshua Tree National Monument.

For a community that has no clearly-defined corporate limits, it is difficult to estimate population. But for the area that Yucca Valley is generally considered to cover—three miles wide between the mountains and six miles long running east and west—the population is placed at anywhere from two thousand to six thousand, according to whom you happen to talk.



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Gage, Sky Harbor, Yucca Valley Heights and Art Miller's Western Hills Estates are the Big Four in Yucca Valley real estate, and the widespread promotion of their developments is one of the principal reasons for this new discovery of the High Desert community and the end of its isolation.

(Another factor is the increased traffic between the low desert resorts and Las Vegas via the Twentynine Palms Road and Amboy. It will undoubtedly increase even more with the construction of a new, four-lane highway from Highway 99 through the Morongo Canyon, which is in the state's road budget for fiscal 1961.)

The Big Four are the ones who have been exploiting the resort trend in Southern California and the move to the desert. Their principal sales pitch is the view—and in truth it is magnificent—combined with the "year-round living" theme.

Jack Haskell (no relation to Sky Harbor's John Haskell), salesman for Gage's Yucca Valley Ranchos, will tell you, "We have the best view lots in the area."

But he is quick to add: "Don't get me wrong—there's nothing wrong with the other properties. Any piece of property in Yucca Valley is a fine piece of property."

(It must be noted that there is a certain community *esprit de corps* among the real estate competitors. In its brochure, for instance, Gage Land and Development Company pays tribute to Mrs. Machris as "a very civic-minded lady who has given large sums to charity" and to Art Miller as "one of the first to see the great potential of the Yucca Valley area.")

Gage partner Potter said, "We sell climate here primarily. You come here in the summer out of Palm Springs and it's delightful. (Fifteen degrees cooler than the low desert, according to the natives.) We definitely have four seasons. We have snow in the winter, you know. "Not much, just enough to make it interesting," he added quickly.

(A sign at the Hi Desert Golf and Country Club advises players not to tee

off before the attendant arrives in the morning. "Greens will be damaged if played on while frosted." A storm last fall brought eight inches of snow, but it disappeared in a day, and golfers were back out on the course. "I've seen twelve to fourteen inches of snow, and it would be gone the next day," said one old-timer.)

Ben Gage, an entertainer formerly married to swimming beauty Esther Williams (his ex-brother in law, Dave Williams, has a plumbing shop next to the Gage real estate offices in Yucca Valley), is planning to develop about 1,800 lots on his property, most of them half-acre parcels with prices starting at \$2,990 and going up to \$10,000.

Sky Harbor's John Haskell is one of the community's most active and most optimistic promoters.

"This is a natural—it's like one great big park," he remarked in driving around the sprawling development.

"It took me seven minutes to decide to buy all this land," Mrs. Machris chimed in.

They are developing a thousand lots, and Haskell said a third of them are already sold. The owners include a number of celebrity figures, Haskell said, including songwriter Jimmy Van Heusen and Nancy Sinatra. Only a handful of homes has been built thus far, but, as Haskell notes, the boom is just beginning.

Haskell and Mrs. Machris also own the Copper Room, which is next to the Yucca Valley Airport (with a four thousand foot runway, oiled but not paved, handling only private aircraft), and they get a lot of "fly-in" business.

The Sky Harbor development is at the east end of the community at the intersection of the Victorville road with the Twentynine Palms Road, and about two miles from "downtown" Yucca Valley, but Haskell sees it as the future center of the community.

A man of no small vision, Haskell also sees the day when big league baseball teams will hold their Spring training in the High Desert, which some of the townspeople regard as a fancy dream indeed, and sees Sky Harbor ultimately

as a \$50,000,000 development of luxurious residences and exclusive clubs.

While such dreams as these may be a bit hard to see at the moment and while the hundreds of planned new homes aren't exactly springing up overnight, there is obviously a definite trend toward the new resort life in the High Desert.

Stiffer building restrictions are giving the community the new look. Sky Harbor, for instance, requires a minimum of thirteen hundred square feet in its homes.

The homestead shacks are being pushed farther out all the time. Not that they aren't still around. Drive out Old Woman Springs Road toward Victorville and you will find them in clusters all over the countryside.

And the High Desert still clings to its Western traditions—such as its annual Grubstake Days celebration in the Spring. Pioneer Town, which was once a favorite setting for Western movie productions, is just over the hill from Yucca Valley, and some of the prospectors are still around.

Gold mining, according to the town historians, used to be big in the area. Yucca Valley, which was once the second night's stop on the stage route between Banning and Twentynine Palms, came by its reputation as a health resort when World War I victims of mustard gas were sent out to recuperate on government homesteads. Some stayed on to become prosperous businessmen in the community.

Until now, many people who knew about Yucca Valley had heard of it through two associations which some of the new developers would just as soon forget.

It is at nearby Giant Rock that the county's flying saucer fans gather every year to listen to their leaders tell of visits with the flying saucer people and to hopefully watch for the landing of a saucer or two from some far-out planet.

And on the nothern slopes of the town, visible from the highway, is the intriguing collection of biblical figures and temples known as Desert Shrine Park, the handiwork of an aging sculptor

named Antone Martin.

"Our town headache," remarked one businessman with a gloomy frown. "He works at being a character."

He readily admits, however, that Martin, whose outsize figures of Christ and His disciples have been featured in such publications as *Life Magazine*, is the "only claim to national fame we have."

Martin, a wizened little man of seventy-three, with wildly-flying hair, a tiny goatee and squinty eyes, apparently lives in constant fear that he is going to be driven off his site, a five-acre tract owned by one of the town's pioneers, where he has been allowed to set up his sculptures.

Four years ago he was the center of a community ruckus that made the Los Angeles newspapers when he knocked off the noses of his concrete biblical figures (all except Judas, with ironic intent), and then two years ago, he moved the figures (noses once again intact) to the new site.

"They've even attempted with a machine gun to get me out of here," he said in his thin, intense whisper of a voice.

Martin began work on his figures more than seven years ago, when Yucca Valley was just wide open desert. He had been a pattern maker at the Douglas Aircraft plant in El Segundo.

"I came out here to try to teach the Golden Rule," he said. "I knew they were going to make a bigger bomb. They will bomb us away. 'The elements of the earth shall burn with fervent heat'—that's in Second Peter. It can happen anytime."

(Not all of Martin's artistic interests are biblical. Side by side with a new figures of Christ that he was working on was a newly-begun cast of a strange-looking kneeling figure which he identified as a "semi-nude dancer in an exotic pose," and which he said he intends to enter in next Spring's Grubstakes Days parade.)

If the new developers of Yucca Valley look to the day when it will outgrow its old West traditions and its quaint small town flavor, there are others, inevitably, who regret the rapid sweep of

change and who resent the new builders of the community.

One oldtimer declared: "They're bringing in a group of people we don't need. There's nothing wrong with them, but they're not the ones who build a town. There's too much speculation in land—everybody's holding on and hoping to get a better price. You don't build a town like that."

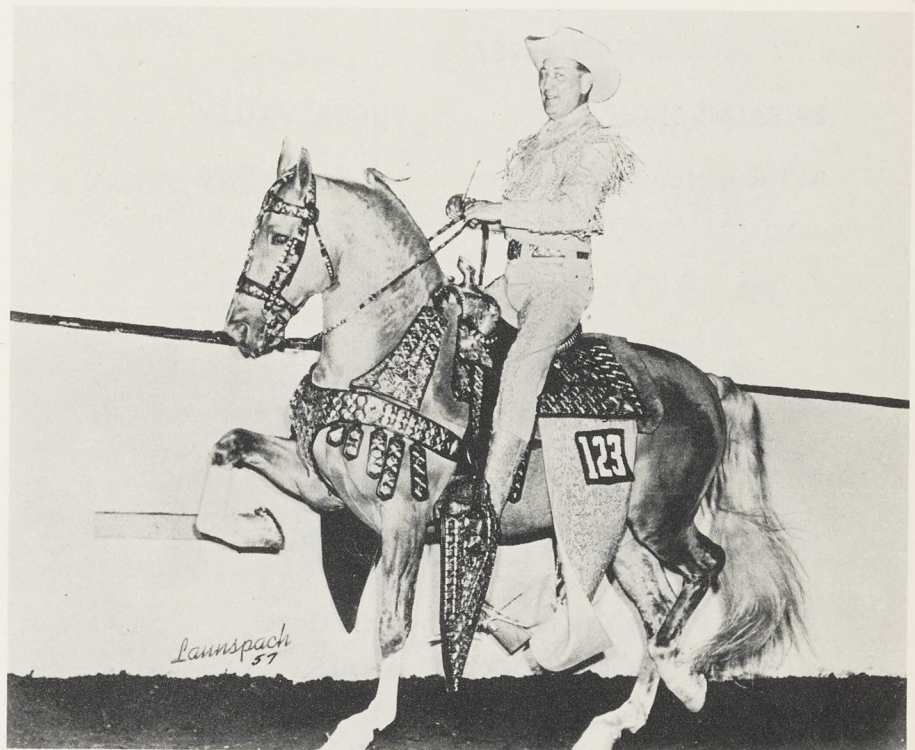
But the far-dreaming developers of the new Yucca Valley are way ahead of him. They're not thinking of building a town—they're thinking of building a city. —george ringwald—

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Art Miller of parade horse fame and his stand-by Peavine's Golden Major.

Yucca Valley's outstanding personality is truly Art Miller. To read and learn of his accomplishments through his life is like reading a story book.

He was born in Davenport, Iowa, March 21, 1908. At the early age of two and a half years his father passed away, after which he went to live with his grandfather in Albion, Nebraska. His first education was in a country school there, later attending Omaha Tech, one of the first and best schools of its kind in the country.

In 1927 he became interested in flying, and holds ratings in single and multimotor engines, both in civilian and Air Force flights. He spent three years in service during World War II as flight instructor, having 4,000 air hours to his credit. In 1936 he accepted the position of General Sales Manager of Omaha Motor Company, being the youngest of 4,500 Pontiac dealers in the U.S. to hold such a position. After returning from service he bought half interest in the company, 1945, and

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in 1948 he became sole owner of the company. In the whole Pontiac organization he is the only one to date to win the sales manager awards two years in succession.

Art Miller has many and varied interests and hobbies, and each one is topped with success. His interests include hunting, fishing, racing of light airplanes, and speedboats, and baseball. His main interest, however, are horses. Quoted from Who's Who in Horses Vol. 12 "The perennial Art Miller of parade horse fame and his stand-by Peavine's Golden Major. If anyone could be called the P.T. Barnum of the tan bark, this man Miller could qualify with room to spare. A prime favorite with horse show audiences from coast to coast, Art Miller and his palomino stallion are almost as well known nationally as Coca Cola, and that's a fact."

Besides being in these varied hobbies and interests, he is active in the community affairs wherever he may be; being members of, Air Force Association, Advisory committee of Strategic Air Command, American Legion, State Better Highway commission, to name a few.

He resides in Yucca Valley with his wife, the former Hazel Van Morreleghem and their son Butch. For the past several years he has been engaged in the business of Real Estate, known as Western Hills Estates.

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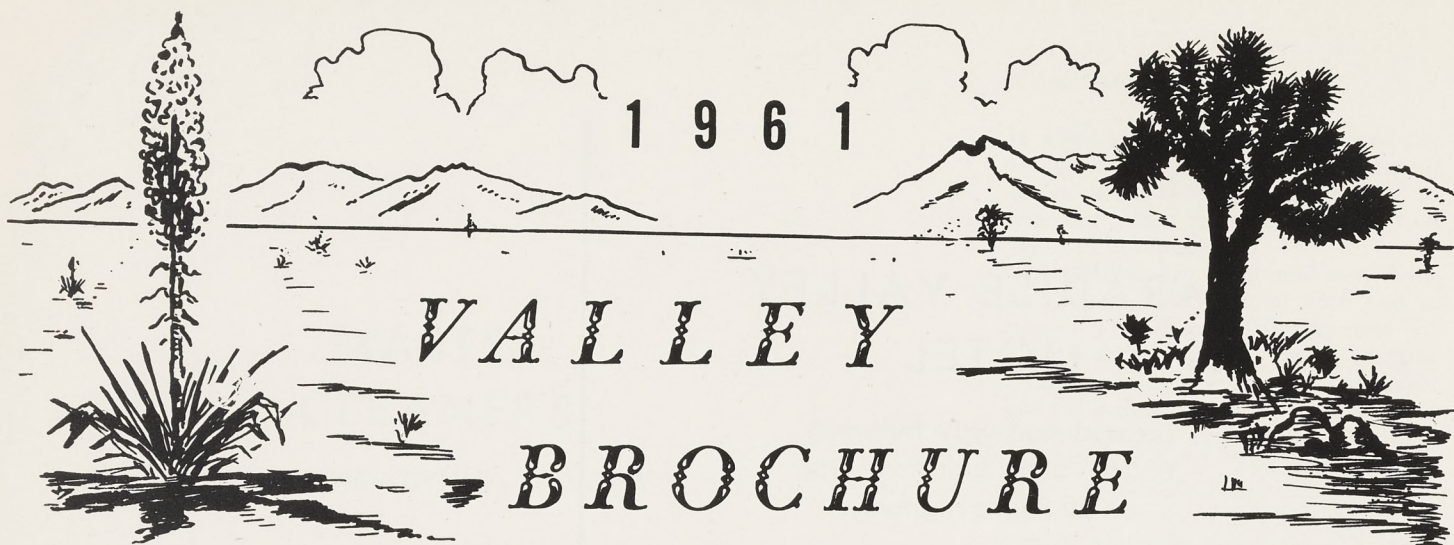
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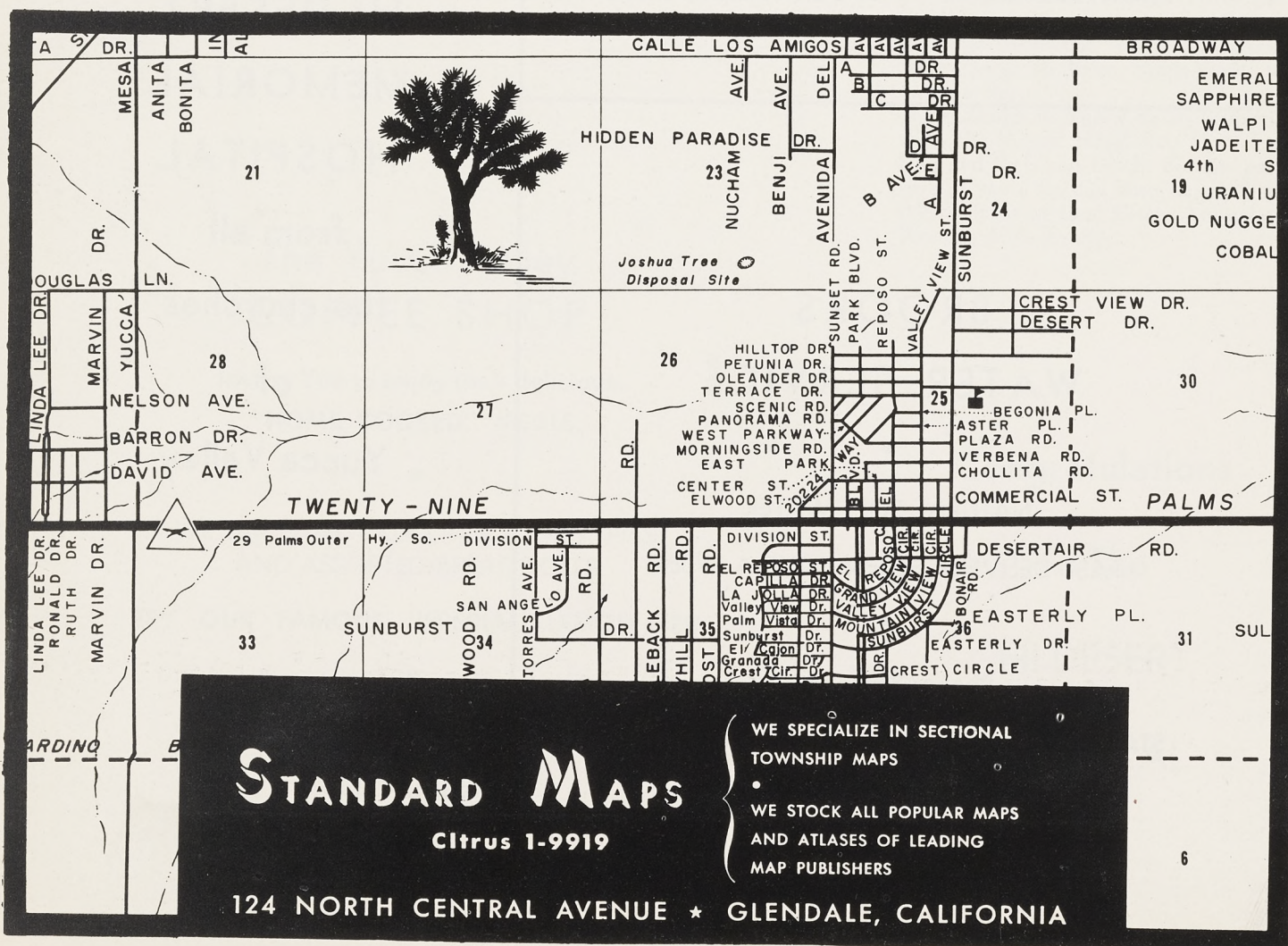
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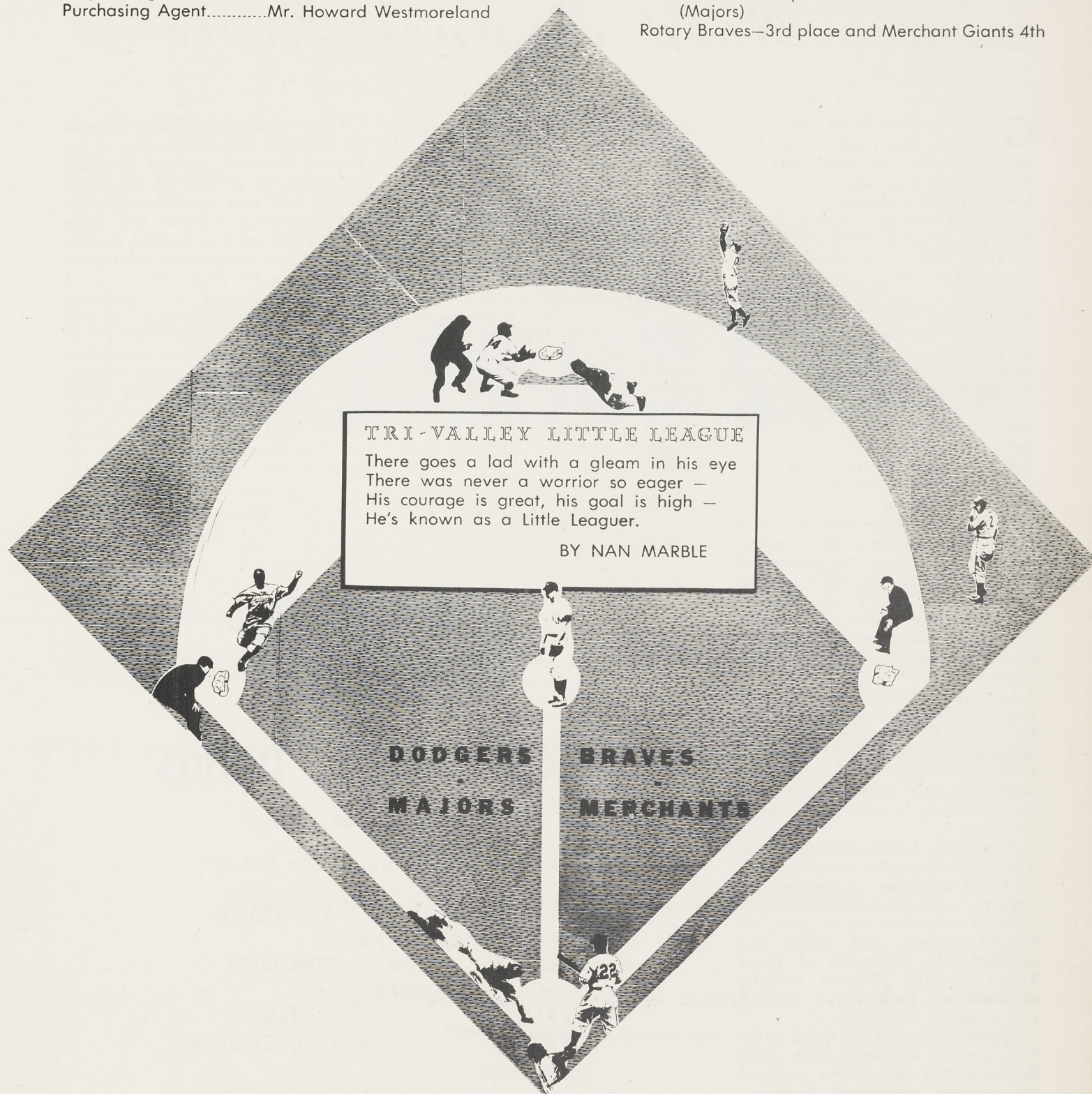
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Team standings at the end of the season were:
 Laundromat—1st place with 17 wins and 1 loss
 (Dodgers)
 Western Hills—2nd place with 13 wins and 5 losses
 (Majors)
 Rotary Braves—3rd place and Merchant Giants 4th



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Yucca Valley

Road Runner Route

Gateway to the colorful and healthful High Desert area, Yucca Valley welcomes the tourist and those who desire to find a permanent home in a healthy, relaxing climate.

Within a half-hour's driving time of Routes 60, 70 and 99 the Queen Village — Yucca Valley — is indeed a Mecca for the High Desert traveler.

With an average minimum temperature of 45 to 50 degrees and a maximum of 95 degrees, Yucca Valley has an average yearly temperature of 75 degrees. Low relative humidity reduces the displeasures associated with high temperature readings. The yearly rainfall for the area is 7 to 9 inches, with some snow likely during January or February. The air is clear and smog-free making the year-round climate extremely healthful.

A far cry from the days of wooden shacks, 1945, to the present concrete and metal buildings, the community has progressed rapidly and is continuing to grow. Yucca Valley, presently planning incorporation, is experiencing tremendous growth as a recreational and health center for the desert region.

Located at an elevation of 3,300 feet, with the San Bernardino Mountains to the West and the vast reaches of the Joshua Tree National Monument to the East, Yucca Valley as the name implies, is truly situated in a valley surrounded by a vast and colorful landscape.

Possibly the largest employer in the area is the Homstead Suppliers with 35 to 40 employees. A cement plant employs approximately 12 people, while 12 contractors employ many additional workers, both skilled and unskilled. The community of Yucca Valley has 160 different business establishments employing a total of approximately 800 people.

Twelve motels and two trailer parks with modern accommodations make the community an excellent week-end and vacation playground. Numerous restaurants with distinctive meal styling add to the accommodations present. The Burnt Mountain area offers a wide range of recreational

activities, as; tennis, swimming, archery, and horseback riding.

Service and complete shopping facilities are available. New supermarkets offer the best foods, all name brands, at popular prices. Tending to the spiritual needs of the community are eight churches of various denominations. At present there is one grammar school providing excellent educational facilities in a new and modern building. Grades from kindergarten through the eighth are conducted in Yucca Valley while the high school is located in Twentynine Palms. Transportation is provided for the students. Current school facilities are due for expansion with the addition of a junior high school.

Complete medical facilities will soon be available with the building of the Desert Memorial General Hospital. Approximately one-half of the funds needed have been raised through various community activities and donations. There are two medical doctors, three dentists and numerous chiropractors serving the community needs. A hospital is located in Twentynine Palms, 30 miles away.

Fire protection is provided by an excellent volunteer fire department with two strategically placed fire stations and a total of six pieces of fire and rescue equipment. The main roads are patrolled by the California Highway Patrol and a Sheriff's substation is maintained in the community.

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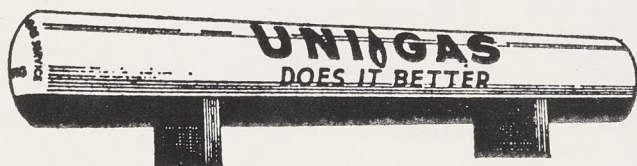
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The Joshua Forest Water Company and the Yucca Valley Water Company supply the community's water. California Electric provides the electrical power, while Unigas and Suburban provide the propane. There is no natural gas. A television cable has brought economical entertainment to the community with good reception on channels 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, and 11.

Three local newspapers cover the local happenings, all are weekly publications. The San Bernardino Sun Telegram publishes a daily Greater Desert Edition with news of all the desert communities. There is no local radio station but, reception from Palm Springs and Los Angeles is good.

A recreation program that is unsurpassed is provided the community's inhabitants through the park and recreation department. The community library is located on the grounds of the park. Additional recreational facilities are a beautiful skating rink and a breath-taking nine hole golf course. The golf course, mainly because of the high altitude, is open every day of the year. A brand new drive-in theater features the latest movies. Plans call for the building of a 16 lane bowling center just South of the main shopping area.

The whole High Desert area recently joined in sponsoring a Community Concert Association which brings leading classical and popular musicians to the area. Yucca Valley also has an art gallery that is continually in use by local and nationally known artists.

The community's modern airport is the site of many week-end fly-ins. Excellent facilities including, 24 hour lighting, an elevation of 3,220 feet, a runway length of 2,900 feet, and a fine restaurant, tend to make the airport a headquarters for flying enthusiasts.

Every national organization except one is represented in the community's service, social, and civic groups. All organizations hold regular monthly meetings, the time and place of which are published.

Possibly the most popular and most widely heralded events are the annual Grubstake Days and the annual Pioneer Pass Golf Challenge.

Grubstake Days held during May of each year is a gala three day event. During this period the Old West returns with fast draw contests, a gymkhana, a beard judging contest, and numerous other attractions.

Cross-country the land between Yucca Valley and Big Bear is rugged, studded with hills and canyons. This is the course the Pioneer Pass follows for 35 miles. This same course is followed during the Annual Golf Challenge. Nine holes are played at the Queen Village course and then the push begins culminating at the Big Bear course. This event, although relatively new, has drawn good response and is expected to grow each year.

Desert living is truly rewarding in the Queen Village with warm sunshine and cool evenings, unlimited recreational facilities and, startling sunsets outlined by jagged mountains with their scenic beauty that stretch for as far as the eye can see.



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The California Gas Company have nearly completed the laying of the gas line pipes in the various directions from the Booster plant.

The various pictures tell the story of progress. Likewise the California Electric Company have installed a Booster plant, located about a mile west of Daggett, California, for the purpose of supplying power throughout this same area.





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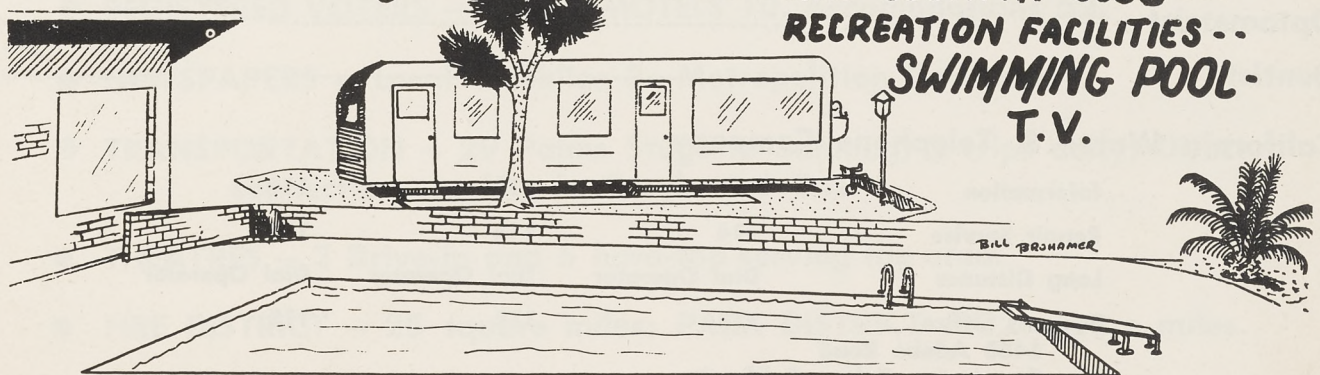
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Highway Patrol (Emergency Only)	Zenith 12000	Zenith 12000	Zenith 12000
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Library (Yucca Valley)	365-5384	365-5384	365-5384
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HI-DESERT FACTS

- ELEVATION – 3300 feet above sea level; Rainfall 4.20.
- CLIMATE – Summer Cool and Clear; Winter Mild and Clear.
- POPULATION – 5,300.
- AREA – 25 Square miles; Shopping-Trading Area 48 Square miles.
- ASSESSED VALUATION – \$4,283,880.00.
- FINANCIAL – Security First National Bank.
- POST OFFICE RECEIPTS – \$37,750.32.
- SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – 315
- CHURCHES – OF MANY DENOMINATIONS
- TELEPHONES IN SERVICE – 730.
- ELECTRICAL SERVICE CONNECTIONS – 1,365.
- LIQUEFIED GAS CONNECTIONS – 2,675.
- WATER CONNECTIONS – 1,411.
- REGISTERED VOTERS – 1,418; MOTELS 10, Accomodations 52.
- NEWSPAPERS – Local Weeklies 3; Metropolitan Dailies 5.
- TRANSPORTATION – 29 Palms Stage to Banning, 2 trips daily; Direct connections to LA via Greyhound Bus.
- THEATRES – 3 Drive-in and 5 hard-top serving the area.
- FIRE DISTRICT – 25 square miles; PARK DISTRICT – 32 square miles.
- POLICE – Area policed by radio-control resident Sheriff and California State Highway Patrol.



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Information for Campers

The campgrounds are maintained for you. With your cooperation, we can keep them clean and attractive. In order to keep this area in its natural condition, ALL vegetation -- even that which is down and dead -- is protected. Bring your own water and firewood or other fuel. All campgrounds contain tables, fireplaces, and pit type toilets. There are no light, water, or sewer connections for trailers. Camping is limited to 30 days. The rules and regulations are posted on each bulletin board.

A list of the campgrounds follows (see the informational folder for the locations):

<u>NAME</u>	<u>NO. OF SITES</u>	<u>APPROX. ELEVATION</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Cottonwood Spring Campground	8	3,000 ft.	No trailer sites. Palm trees.
White Tank Campground	6	3,800 ft.	Sites among rock formations.
Belle Campground	5	3,800 ft.	Sites among rock formations.
Jumbo Rocks Campground	19	4,400 ft.	Sites among rock formations.
Hidden Valley Campground	12	4,200 ft.	Magnificent rock formations in the Wonderland of Rocks.
Ryan Campground	8	4,300 ft.	Equestrian and hiking use.
Indian Cove Campground	14	3,200 ft.	North edge of Wonderland of Rocks. Preferred for winter camping.
Indian Cove Group Camp	4	3,200 ft.	Group camp sites may be re- served for organized groups by contacting the Superin- tendent at Twentynine Palms.
Sheep Pass Group Camp	5	4,300 ft.	Same as above.

Group camp reservations will be held for only five (5) hours after the reservation time. They are then available for the use of any other group.

The Visitor Center at the Twentynine Palms Oasis is open daily from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. You are invited to visit here. Exhibits tell the story of desert plants, Indians, etc. The Oasis Nature Trail starts here. Employees on duty will be happy to help you with problems or questions concerning this area.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

Welcome to Joshua Tree National Monument. We hope you will enjoy and benefit from your visit to this unit of the National Park System. To keep the scenery, plants, and wildlife unspoiled we must follow a few sensible rules:

1. Vegetation, live or dead, may not be disturbed or used for fuel.
2. Birds, animals, and other wild creatures must not be molested.
3. Firearms, bows and arrows, fireworks, etc., are prohibited.
4. Motorists yield right-of-way to hikers and saddle horses.
5. Vehicles must not be driven off established roads and parking areas.
6. Prospecting, mining, and rock collecting are prohibited.
7. Dogs, cats, and other pets must be on leashes or under physical control at all times. They are not allowed on trails or away from developed areas.
8. Camping and picnicking is permitted only in designated places.
9. Deposit garbage and trash in garbage cans. DO NOT BURY GARBAGE.
10. Quiet must be maintained from 10:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M.
11. Fire is a hazard in this area year round. Use extreme care with smoking and matches. Leave campfires dead out. Open fires must be confined to established campground fire sites.
12. The defacement or destruction of government property (including plants, rocks, etc.) by initialing, carving, or other acts of vandalism is prohibited. Your cooperation in reporting offenders will be appreciated.
13. Lastly comes the only rule you need to remember. LEAVE IT AS YOU WOULD LIKE TO FIND IT.

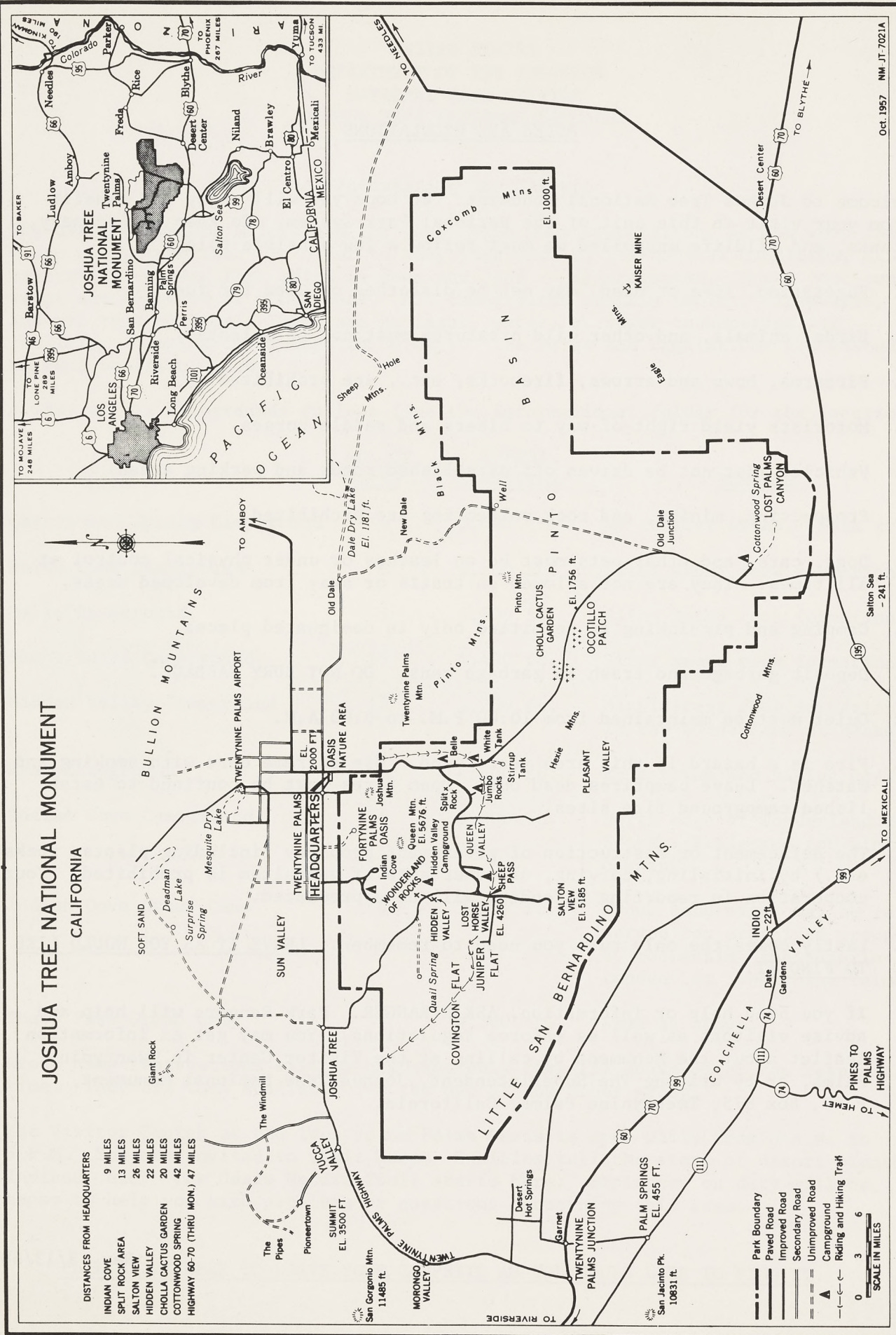
If you need help or information, ASK A RANGER. Park Rangers will help and advise visitors as well as enforce regulations. You may get an information leaflet about the Monument by calling at the Visitor Center in Twentynine Palms, or by writing The Superintendent, Joshua Tree National Monument, P. O. Box 875, Twentynine Palms, California.

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DISTANCES FROM HEADQUARTERS

INDIAN COVE	9 MILES
SPLIT ROCK AREA	13 MILES
SALTON VIEW	26 MILES
HIDDEN VALLEY	22 MILES
CHOLLA CACTUS GARDEN	20 MILES
COTTONWOOD SPRING	42 MILES
HIGHWAY 60-70 (THRU MON.)	47 MILES



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Brigadier General Lewis Jefferson Field is now serving as Commanding General, Force Troops, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, and Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, Twenty-nine Palms, California.

Born at Delmare, Wicomico County, Maryland, on October 1, 1909, General Fields graduated from high school in 1927 at Crisfield, Maryland. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics upon graduation from St. John's College, Annapolis, Maryland, on June 3, 1931. He was a member of the Maryland National Guard from March 1925 until January 1932, when he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. After three and a half years as an enlisted man, he was commissioned a Marine second lieutenant on June 25, 1935.

Lieutenant Fields completed Basic School at the Philadelphia Navy Yard in October 1935, then served with the Sea School Detachment at Portsmouth, Virginia. In July 1936, he was assigned duty aboard the USS QUINCY upon its commissioning, and later participated in the evacuation of United States nationals during the Spanish Revolution. The following July, he entered the Base Defense Weapons Course at the Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Virginia. He was promoted to first lieutenant in July 1938.

That same month, Lieutenant Fields began serving as Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, and Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, San Diego. While serving in this capacity, he was promoted to captain in March 1941.

Captain Fields remained in San Diego until November 1941, and the following month entered the Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. On completing the Battery Officers' Course, in March 1942, he was transferred to Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, for duty with the 3rd Battalion, Eleventh Marines, 1st Marine Division. He was promoted to major in May 1942.

Major Fields embarked with the 3rd Battalion for the Pacific area that May, and in August saw action on Guadalcanal. He was named Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, Eleventh Marines, 1st Marine Division, in November 1942 on Guadalcanal. In January 1943, he moved with the 1st Battalion to Australia for training. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel in May, 1943.

Lieutenant Colonel Fields led the 1st Battalion in action in December 1943 at Cape Gloucester, where he earned his first Bronze Star Medal. In May 1944, he was named Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, 1st Marine Division. Subsequently, he was awarded the Legion of Merit with Combat "V" for outstanding service as the 1st Division's Operations Officer, during the preparation for, and seizure of Peleliu and Ngesebus. He departed for the United States in December 1944.

Lieutenant Colonel Fields also saw duty with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization as Assistant to the U.S. Representative to the North Atlantic Ocean Regional Planning Group, serving as principal advisor on ground matters and defense of land areas in the Atlantic Command; and as military advisor to the Joint Department of Defense team sent to Portugal. He was promoted to colonel in May 1950.

In early 1951, Colonel Fields was designated the Assistant Chief of Staff,

Committee, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Ordered to Korea in September 1953, Colonel Fields served as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, 1st Marine Division, and later as Commanding Officer, Eleventh Marines (artillery regiment), until April 1954. For meritorious achievement during this period he was awarded a second Bronze Star Medal. He then returned briefly to Headquarters Marine Corps, and, in June 1954, was assigned to the Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers,



COMMANDING GENERAL'S QUARTERS — Set in a desert landscape, the Commanding General's Quarters at Marine Corps Base, Twentynine Palms, California is a very fine example of the housing provided for Marines and their dependents.

In January 1945, Lieutenant Colonel Fields became Aide to the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General A. A. Vandegrift. He continued as Aide until June 1947 when he was ordered to Quantico. Upon completing the Senior Course, Marine Corps Schools, in June 1948, he was assigned to the Staff of the Commander in Chief, Atlantic Command, and U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Norfolk, Virginia.

Personnel and Administration, for the Supreme Allied Command, Atlantic (SACLANT). His initial task was to establish the present SACLANT headquarters in Norfolk. Upon being detached for Norfolk in August 1951, he began two years' duty at Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, D.C., as Head of the Plans Branch, G-3 Division; and as Marine Corps member of the Joint Strategic Plans

Europe, in Paris, France, as Chief of the Plans Section. He served there two years.

Returning to the United States, Colonel Fields became Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, at Headquarters, Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic, in Norfolk, serving in this capacity from September 1956 to September 1957 and, subsequently, as Chief of Staff. Transferred to Washington, D.C., in November

1957, he served almost a year as Marine Corps Liaison Officer to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations. He was promoted to his present rank of brigadier general in July 1958.

In September 1958, General Fields began a two-year assignment on the Joint Staff, Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as Deputy Director, J5 Plans and Policy Directorate. On completing this assignment, he assumed his present command at the Marine Corps Base, Twentynine Palms, in September 1960.

The general's medals and decorations include: the Legion of Merit with Combat "V", the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V" and Gold Star in lieu of a second award, the Presidential Unit Citation with bronze star indicative of a second award, the Navy Unit Commendation with two bronze stars indicative of second and third awards, the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, the American Defense Service Medal with Base clasp, the American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with silver star in

lieu of five bronze stars, the World War II Victory Medal, the Navy Occupation Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, and the Korean Presidential Unit Citation.

General Fields and his wife, the former Elizabeth Packer of Wynnewood, Pennsylvania, have two daughters, Elizabeth (born July 23, 1942) and Mary Ann (born May 4, 1949). The general's mother, Mrs. Lewis Fields, lives at 200 Holland Avenue, Salisbury, Maryland.



MAIN GATE — The Main Gate at Marine Corps Base, Twentynine Palms, California, decorated in a desert theme, greets all visitors to the Base, it boasts a model of the "Terrier" Guided Missile on the left and the Marine Corps' famed Honest John Rocket on the right.

Marine Corps Base

Twentynine Palms, California

The Marine Corps Base, Twentynine Palms, California, the youngest and largest of the three today, marked its four-year anniversary on February 1, 1961.

Besides being the youngest and largest it also claims the distinction of housing Force Troops, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, being the first home of the Honest John Rocket and the only home of the Terrier Guided Missile.

Recently also became the only Marine Corps home of the Hawk Guided Missile.

Four Commanding Generals have commanded this Hi-Desert Base during its Marine Corps History. Brigadier General T. G. McFarland (Ret.) accepted the colors and command in 1957 passing them to then Brigadier General R. M. Victory (Ret.) in June 1958.

The third Commanding General, then Brigadier General A. L. Bowser assumed command in January 1959, and was relieved by the present Commanding General, Brigadier General L. J. Fields, who arrived here in September 1960.

Marine Corps Base, Twentynine Palms, California had its inception as a military installation in 1940.

The Army Air Force was the first service to realize that the desert wastes would be ideally suited for many and varied types of operations.

Designated as Condor Field, General Patton later made use of the terrain in training his tank corps for the operation in Africa.

The Army glider program trained here until 1944. During this period



BASE THEATRE — The spacious theatre at Marine Corps Base, Twentynine Palms, California, which also doubles as a basketball gymnasium, is perhaps the most popular recreation spot for off-duty Marines, the latest movies are shown nightly.



There are two identical churches on the Marine Base, one for the Protestant faith, and one for the Catholic faith.

the housing and working facilities were limited to the immediate area around the present air strip. This area is now commonly referred to as the "Old Area." Many of the original buildings are still in use.

NAVAL USE

Next in line of possession came the Navy. A gunnery training range was established, using the desert areas as target zones. The Navy made use of the air strip as an auxiliary landing field.

In 1946 the Navy abandoned the facility, turning control over to San Bernardino County. Little is known of the use the County made of the land area.

The desert land again came under control of the military in 1952. This time it was the Marine Corps and they established a Marine Corps Training Center to conduct field artillery and antiaircraft and guided missile operations.

There was a very definite need for an installation of this type due to the greater ranges now afforded artillery and antiaircraft weapons. Field ranges

previously employed at Camp Pendleton, California and Camp Lejeune, North Carolina became limited in range dispersion and movement area.

The first units to arrive made use of the buildings in the "old area", and a tent city was erected for the overflow.

After the Marine Corps assumed control, construction was immediately started. A goal of 221 buildings, other than those in the "old area" was set.

In July 1955, Force Troops, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific arrived under the command of General McFarland. Logistically and administratively the Training Center remained under the command of Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, California.

The Center became a Marine Corps Base February 1, 1957 when General McFarland assumed the command from Major General G. F. Good Jr., then Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton.

With its new designation, the Base became the Corps' newest and largest Base, with the mission of providing personnel, material and services for the support of Marine forces assigned.

RECOGNIZED

All in all, the inaugural year for the Base was quite busy. The next two years continued to gain the Base recognition. Numerous Marine Corps units began to arrive for prolonged training exercises over well-beaten paths from the West Coast.

The 11th Marine Regiment with its artillery power, both 4.2 inch mortars and 105mm howitzers; the 1st Force Reconnaissance Battalion; the Path-

finders; and the Naval Gunfire Support unit to name a few

The general consensus of opinion seems to be "Boy, it's hot and dusty here, but what training we get!"

932 square miles, or 596,480 acres comprise the Base confines. Two cities the size of Los Angeles could be placed inside its boundaries, or the combined areas of Camp Pendleton, Camp Lejeune and Quantico, Virginia, multiplied by two, could easily fit in the

land area encompassed by the World's Largest Marine Corps Base.

WEATHER

Most of the Base is open desert area and vegetation is sparse. The annual



Weapon line-up during a firing demonstration held on Armed Forces Day. The weapons are, from L to R: Honest John Rocket, 8" Self Propelled How, 155mm Self - Propelled Gun, 155mm Howitzer - towed and in the background is another Honest John Rocket being prepared for firing.

average rainfall is about five inches, precipitation mainly occurring during the winter months. Generally the skies are clear and the sunshine is abundant.

Temperatures range from a low of 13 degrees (F) in January to a high of over 130 degrees (F) in the summer months. The average annual humidity is 8%.

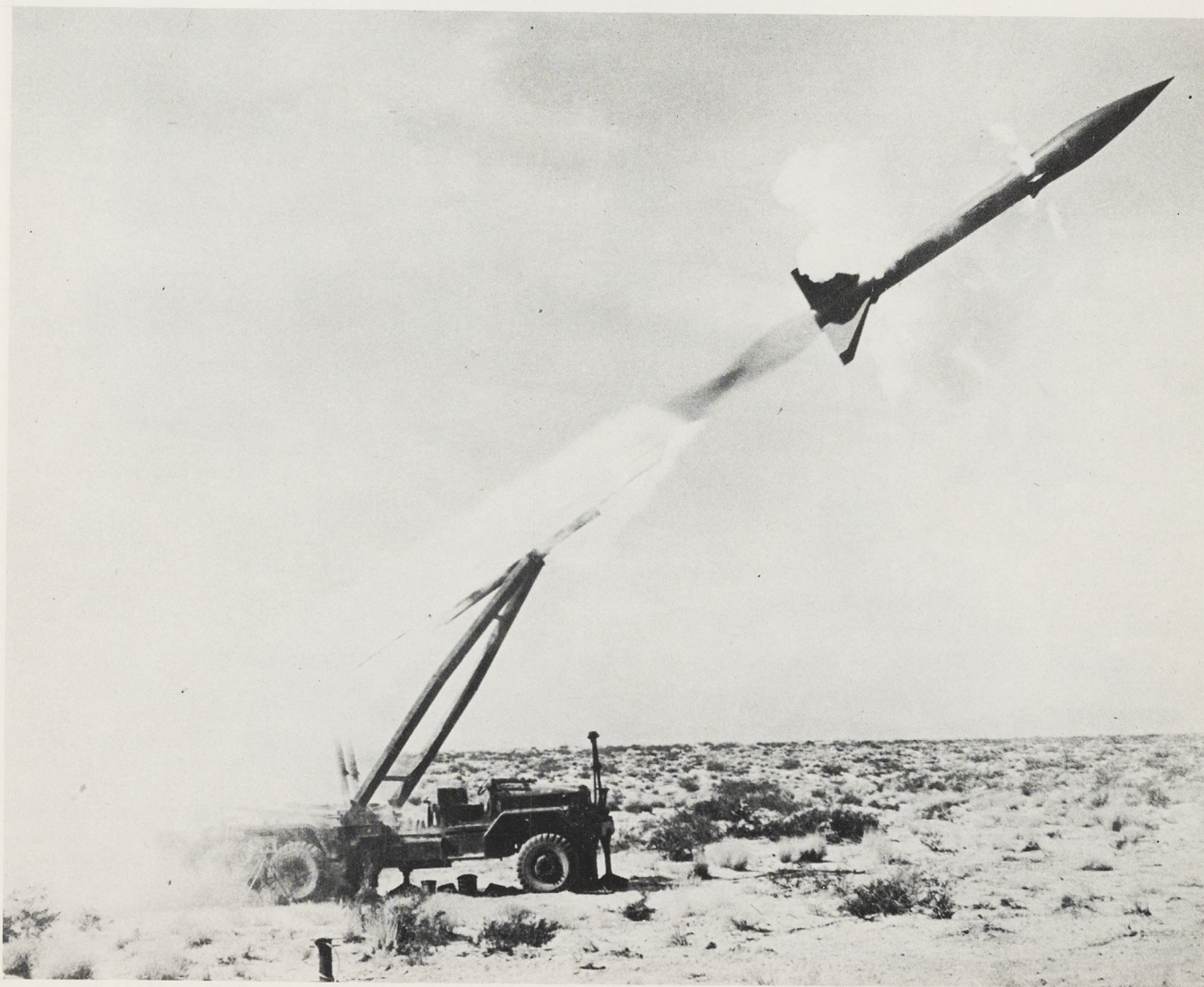
Daily temperature variations range from 25 to 50 degrees and in some instances to 60 degrees.

Sandstorms are frequent, reducing visibility to zero and causing much material damage. Winds of 60 miles per hour are not infrequent.

The water supply for the Base is provided by three wells located approximately fifteen miles Northwest of the main area. Two additional wells are available as an emergency supply. Each of the operating wells has a rating capacity of 2,000 gallons per minute.

The Base houses a Headquarters and Service Company as well as Force Troops, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific. In addition the Base maintains a Reserve Liaison Training Section which coordinates the activities of approximately 3,000 Marine Reservists during the summer months.

HI-DESERT PLAYGROUND



Honest John Rocket is fired from launcher during a field demonstration.

The Navy operates Drone Unit 28, which provides airborne targets for the numerous antiaircraft weapons.

The 5th Dental Company and the Station Hospital comprise the remainder of Naval personnel.

During 1959, expansion and improvements to the Base included the completion of the individual combat marksman course; the building of numerous storage facilities; the Base bowling lanes; and the general improvement of the main gate area.

Last year, construction of 150 three and four bedroom, Capehart Housing units began. These units will be single and duplex dwellings. The location of construction will be in the area of the skeet range. It is expected that these units will be ready for occupancy sometime early next year.

All the roads in the main area and the road leading to the ammunition dump were resurfaced last year. A complete new hardwood floor was installed in the theatre.

Proposed future expansion and improvements call for a 60 bed hospital or, more definitely, an increase in the present dispensary facilities to include surgery and obstetrics departments. Also on the drawing boards are plans for a hostess house and a post exchange, cafe and banking facility all combined in one building in the main area.

Visitors are permitted aboard the Base from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m., provided they are here to visit someone stationed at the Base. During special ceremonies to which the public is invited, an open gate is held, with passes being issued at the gate.

Congratulations

To The

HI-DESERT

HOSPITAL



155mm Howitzer (Towed)



Twentynine Palms

Road Runner Route

Twentynine Palms offers the emphatic answer. Located but an hour's drive from the main highways crossing the Nation (Routes 66, 60, 70, 99), this High Desert community is a world removed, situated in a great basin surrounded by lofty mountains. Excellent roads avail themselves to the travel-minded individual and make the facilities of the larger cities readily available: Palm Springs (50 miles), Riverside (89 miles), San Bernardino (93 miles), Los Angeles (143 miles), Las Vegas (206 miles).

The average yearly temperature of Twentynine Palms is 66.9 degrees, with an average minimum of 35 degrees and a maximum of 102 degrees. A low relative humidity of 28.6 degrees reduces the discomfort usually associated with high temperature and explains the healthful atmosphere of the region. The air is cool and smog-free with practically year-round sunshine providing the zest for living.

The Twentynine Palms of yesterday, a watering place for sunbaked prospectors has faded into the past. The community is expanding and is experiencing rapid development as a place of opportunity for both industry and business.

The town is an unincorporated community whose boundaries, as defined by the Twentynine Palms County Water District, has an estimated population of well over 6,500 people.

Situated adjacent to the community is the 596,480 acre, Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Base, the home of Force Troops, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, with an estimated population of 4,500 military personnel and 5,000 dependents along with an estimated 350 civil service employees. The Marine Corps Base is the largest single employer in the area. There are, however, numerous other business establishments, mainly construction and building material, within the general area.

The Morongo Unified School District, with its 198 employees is the second largest employer with an estimated annual payroll of \$952,000. Inquiries concerning employment should be directed to the personnel officer of the business desired.

Many boat enthusiasts make Twentynine Palms an overnight stop going and coming from the Colorado River area. Some mining in the outlying areas bolsters the economy of the community.

Complete service and shopping facilities are available in the community. At present there are two elementary schools, one parochial school, a junior high school, and a senior high school. The high school serves the entire High Desert area, the Morongo Unified School District. Additional school space within the District is presently under study.

A general hospital with bed space for eleven patients; three medical doctors, two surgeons, three dentists, and one optometrist provide medical care for the community's residents as well as for visiting tourists. One veterinarian serves the needs of the animals of the community.

Twentynine Palms has an excellent volunteer fire department with two pumpers and one emergency ambulance vehicle. Law enforcement is provided by four California Highway Patrolmen, a County Sheriff's substation and one town constable. A sheriff's reserve unit composed of seven volunteer men is constantly on the alert.

There are nine trailer parks, two hotels with a capacity of 29 rooms and 40 motels with 325 rooms in the immediate area. Numerous restaurants are available and generally are within easy walking distance of the motels.

Twentynine Palms County Water District provides the community's water at a rate of over two million gallons per day; principle supplier of butane is the Petrolane Gas Service (there is no natural gas); electric power by the California Electric Power Company; telephone service by the California Water and Power Company; and, television service through the Morongo Basin Television Club. Television and utility rates are reasonable.

A year-round recreational program is directed by a full-time paid recreation director under the Park and Recreation District. Baseball, both pony and little league, basketball, ten-

nis, bowling, badminton and flag football are popular pastimes. An olympic size swimming pool and a large park with plenty of picnic area provides enjoyment for the young and old. Particular attention is paid to the youngsters and teen-agers in the community. Monthly trips to other points of interest are planned and carried out under the direction of the Park and Recreation Department. There are three drive-in theaters, a hardtop theater, a bowling alley of eight lanes and a flying club within the community.

There are two art galleries and a library within easy walking distance from the center of town. The library is a branch of the San Bernardino County Free Library System and is located in an ultra-modern building on Adobe Road, adjacent to the new County building.

Numerous concerts, plays, art exhibits, sporting events, and special functions provide a full and busy social life for the community.

There are more than 40 service, civic, and social groups active in the community including such national organizations as: the Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, Masons, Elks, Knights of Columbus, Eastern Star, Odd Fellows, Moose, D.A.R., Federated Women's Club, Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts.

Numerous garages and service stations of all major oil companies provide the motoring needs of the community and tourists, whether he be driving a domestic or foreign-made car. There is at least one gas station that remains open twenty-four hours a day.

News coverage of a local interest is provided by two local weekly newspapers, the Desert Trail and the 29 Palms News, The San Bernardino Sun Telegram carries a Greater Desert edition with news of all the Desert communities. Present plans call for the establishing of a local radio station in the near future, and reception from Palm Springs and Los Angeles is good.

Twentynine Palms with its potential for future business and small industry, for its healthful and relaxing climate and year-round living, is truly a community of contentment.

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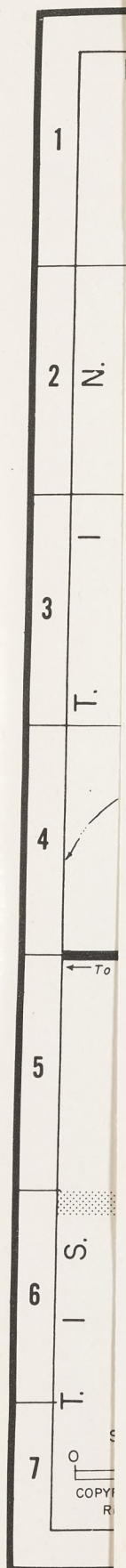
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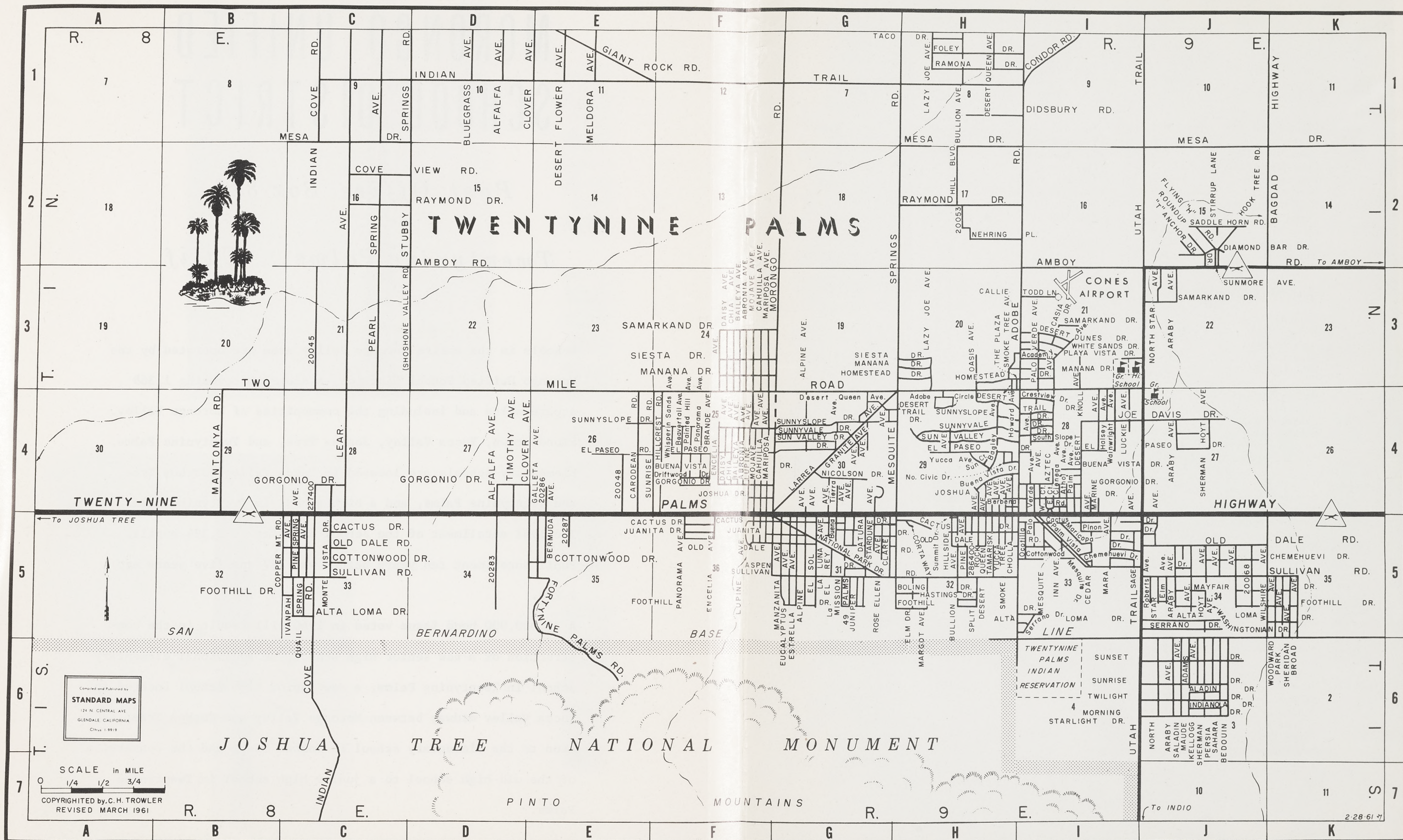
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MORONGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Post Office Box 815

Twentynine Palms, Calif

Schools in the entire Morongo Valley area are operated by the Morongo Unified School District, a district covering 1,368 square miles and including the communities of Morongo Valley, Pioneertown, Yucca Valley, Joshua Tree, and Twentynine Palms. Elementary schools are located in Yucca Valley, Joshua Tree and Twentynine Palms, and a high school in Twentynine Palms. The 1961 enrollment of the school district is 2,394 pupils. Pupil enrollment ten years before was 387 and five years ago 1,228.

A \$2,000,000 bond issue voted in 1960 will result in the construction of a new senior high school, an additional elementary school in Twentynine Palms; a new junior high school located in Yucca Valley midway between Morongo Valley and Joshua Tree; addition to the elementary school in Joshua Tree; and the conversion of the old high school to a junior high school in Twentynine Palms.

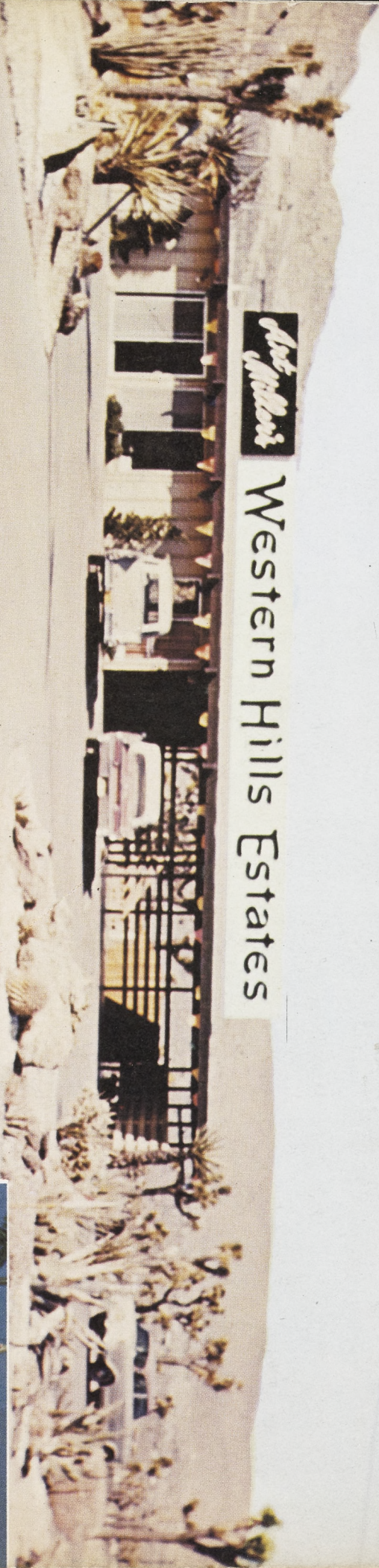


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